



Overview & Scrutiny Committee
30th May 2007

**Report from the Director of
Policy & Regeneration**

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

**Brent tPCT Turnaround Plan Task Group – Referral to Overview
& Scrutiny**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The tPCT task group was established in December 2006 by the Health Select Committee to examine the impact of the Turnaround Plan presented to the Board of Brent tPCT in November 2006.
- 1.2 One of the recommendations of the task group is: That specific elements of the tPCT are referred to other Overview & Scrutiny Committees of the Council to allow for more in-depth investigation of specific issues for example;

Overview & Scrutiny committee to examine the impact of the plan, and its handling, on future partnership work

- 1.3 At the last meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, members requested further information about the areas of legitimate concern regarding the PCT that the committee could usefully investigate. This report sets out those area and suggests ways in which the committee could undertake this work

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee agree areas of concern in relation to the task group recommendation and consider how it would like to undertake this work.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 6th December 2006, the Health Select Committee established a cross party task group to examine the impact of the Turnaround Plan that was presented to the Board of Brent tPCT (Primary Care Trust) in November.

- 3.2 Membership of the task group comprised; Cllr Rev. David Clues (chair), Cllr Mary Farrell, Cllr John Detre. It has met on five occasions since its first meeting on 9th January. The work of the task group focussed on the key strands identified within the Turnaround Plan. These were: commissioning, demand management, provider services, and internal. They also conducted an overview session on the local health economy.
- 3.3 The task group sought detailed information and documentation regarding those proposed savings within the turnaround plan. Evidence and representations was also taken from key personnel within Brent tPCT, local NHS trust, community and voluntary sector, and senior officers within the council.
- 3.4 The task groups report was agreed by the Health Select Committee on 21st March 2007. One of the recommendations was that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee examines the impact of the plan, and its handling, on future partnership working.
- 3.5 The Health Select Committee has agreed to establish a time limited Task Group Panel to scrutinise local NHS finances and the performance of those trusts providing health services to the borough and its residents. The work of the panel will be considered at the next full committee meeting on the 5th June.
- 3.6 At its last meeting (17th April 2007) members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked for further information about the areas of legitimate concern regarding the PCT that the committee could usefully investigate. These areas are listed below:

Future of Partnership working

- Relationships, communications, information sharing, consultation with key partners.
- Joint working.
- Community well-being
- Preventative agenda.
- Role of the HSCP
- Health White Paper
- Local Government White Paper

Local Area Agreement Delivery

- The Task group received guarantees that commitments to LAA delivery would be met in full (P19 of TG report).
- Smoking cessation

Impact on Voluntary & Community Sector

- Commissioning of services and funding

- 3.6 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee also needs to decide how it would like to undertake this work, what evidence it would like to receive and who it would like to talk to. For instance the committee may wish to devote most of its next

meeting to this item or conduct the review over a number of meetings taking evidence from different sources on each occasion.

3.7 The Committee may wish to hear evidence from the following:

- Brent tPCT
- Metropolitan Police
- The Probation Service
- Other Health Care Providers – e.g. North West London Hospitals Trust and Central North West London NHS Foundation Trust.
- The Voluntary & Community Sector
- Individual Departments from within the Council

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 None

Background Papers

**Brent tPCT Turnaround Plan Task Group Final Report (attached)
Minutes from the Health Select Committee 21st March 2007**

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