



**Health Partnerships Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**
29 January 2013

**Report from the Director of
Strategy, Partnerships and
Improvement**

Wards Affected:
ALL

**Update on proposed merger of Ealing Hospital NHS Trust
(EHT) and the North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
(NWLH) and finances.**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Members of the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested an update on the proposed merger between Ealing Hospital NHS Trust (EHT) and the North West London Hospitals NHS Trust (NWLH) following the news that NHS London had requested financial assurances before the merger business case could be formally put to NHS London's public board. An update on the progress towards making the two year financial savings targets was also requested.
- 1.2 The earliest that the full business case for the merger will now be submitted to the NHS London board is July 2013, with the intention of the merger going live on 1 April 2014. NHS London have requested that financial modelling of the impact of "Shaping a Healthier Future" be included in the business case. As previously reported to the committee, the two trusts have already combined some back office functions including the creation of shared IT and Estates departments. The trust will continue to implement service sharing in other areas including clinical areas. The Chief Executive of NWLH will become Acting Chief Executive of EHT and the Director of Nursing at NWLH will become the Acting Director of Nursing at EHT as a result of departures from these posts at EHT.
- 1.3 NWLH trust has target savings of £16.8m for 2012/13 and is expecting to deliver £13.4m of these with the balance made up through other non-recurrent measures.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the report and question representatives from NWLH and EHT on the setbacks to the planned merger and any possible financial implications.

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