

Health Partnerships OSC

Work Programme 2012-13

Meeting Date	Item	Issue	Outcome
30 th May 2012	Recruitment of health visitors in Brent	Following consideration of a report on the recruitment of health visitors in Brent in March 2012, members agreed to follow up with Ealing Hospital ICO their plans to recruit and train more health visitors in line with the Government's plans to increase the number of health visitors in England.	Members noted the number of vacancies in health visiting posts in Brent and have requested a follow up paper in six months time (November meeting) to follow up on the recruitment and retention of health visitors.
	Planned Care Initiative – ophthalmology and cardiology services in Brent	NHS Brent brought a paper to the committee in March 2012 on their plans to re-commission services for ophthalmology and cardiology in Brent. At the meeting in March 2012, members agreed to follow up two issues with NHS Brent at their May 2012 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation plan for the two services • The consultancy costs associated with the retender of cardiology and ophthalmology services 	Report noted, along with the concerns of Brent LINK about the consultation process.
	A&E Waiting Times in Brent	The Committee considered a report on waiting times at its meeting in March 2012. That report was missing information on A&E waiting times, and so a second paper has been requested – members have asked for a report on A&E waiting times for the committee's May meeting, and to invite representatives from NWL Hospitals to attend for this item to account for performance in A&E. The report should include information on ambulance transfers from CMH to Northwick Park Hospital.	The members noted the report and requested some additional information from NWL Hospitals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for a breakdown of what happens to patients who attend A&E – i.e. the proportion admitted, treated and discharged etc. • The transfer time from ambulance to A&E – i.e. the time patients wait in ambulances

			<p>before being seen in A&E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on the longest length of time people are waiting in A&E above the four hours • Treatment times for those seen in A&E compared to those seen in the UCCs
	X-ray records at Central Middlesex Hospital Urgent Care Centre	NHS Brent is investigating a serious incident at Central Middlesex Urgent Care Centre. 6000 patients sent for x-ray but Care UK, the Urgent Care Centre provider, cannot confirm whether the radiology reports have been reviewed for missed pathology or whether discharge notifications have been issued to GPs. The committee will be presented with a report on the investigation into this incident and steps being taken to ensure that it doesn't happen again.	The root cause analysis of the incident will be presented to the next committee meeting and representatives from Care UK will also attend to answer questions on this issue.
	Primary Care Update in Brent	<p>The committee will receive a report setting out an update on two medical centres in the borough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willesden Medical Centre, which is considering relocating to Willesden Hospital. • Kenton Medical Centre, which is to close 	Members requested a follow up report in July 2012 setting out how many patients have been re-registered and where they have re-registered since notice was served on the Kenton Medical Centre.
	Shaping a healthier future	NHS North West London is to start consulting on plans for major service changes in the cluster. Although a JOSOC has been set up to scrutinise the changes, Health Partnerships OSC will also be able to scrutinise the proposals affecting Brent. This will be standing item on the committee's agenda for the duration of Shaping a Healthier Future. Focus at this meeting will be on Brent's Out of Hospital Care Strategy.	The committee has agreed to set up a separate meeting to scrutinise the Out of Hospital Care Strategy in full and respond to the consultation. This will be done once it is clear when consultation on the strategy is to begin.

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18 th July 2012	Brent Tobacco Control Strategy	The committee would like to follow up the Brent Tobacco Control Strategy, to check the progress of its implementation. It is also	Members have recommended that the Brent Pension Fund Sub-

		interested in specific issues, such as the licensing of shisha bars, to see how this issue is being addressed in Brent.	Committee considers again its tobacco investments, and referred the Clear Assessment Report and ASH report on pension investments to the committee for consideration.
	Kenton Medical Centre	The committee has asked for a follow up report after considering the Primary Care Update in May 2012. They are interested in Kenton Medical Centre and how many patients have been re-registered, and where they have re-registered since notice was served on the practice that it was to close. NHS North West London has been asked to provide this paper.	Report noted. Members have asked for an update on what has happened to the three vulnerable patients being helped to reregister with another practice.
	Serious Incident at CMH	NHS Brent and Care UK will provide their report on the serious incident at the CMH UCC, concerning the missed pathology on radiology reports.	Report deferred until October as Care UK was not present.
	Shaping a healthier future	Members have requested information on the Shaping a Healthier Future plans for acute trusts in Brent, focussing on plans for Northwick Park Hospital and Central Middlesex Hospital, as well as St Mary's (a hospital used by residents in the south of Brent). The committee will also need to consider how it will respond to the consultation, bearing in mind the NWL JOSC.	The committee has agreed to form a working group to prepare a response to Shaping a Healthier Future by the 8 th October.
	NWL Hospitals and Ealing Hospital Trust merger – Full Business Case	An Executive Summary of the Full Business Case will be presented to the committee for comment and scrutiny.	Report noted, but it was agreed to take an update on this at the October committee meeting.
	Brent's Improving access to psychological therapies scheme	The committee has requested a report on the Brent IAPT scheme which has been in place since December 2010. Members would like the report to include information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the scheme is functioning for both children and adults • The referral process • Average waiting times for treatment from the point of referral • GP attitudes to the scheme 	It was agreed to follow up with CNWL in October 2012 on the mental health provision on offer for people with more complex mental health needs, to get a better understanding of the services available and how the realignment of resources into IAPT has affected services for patients with more complex needs.

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9 th October 2012	Serious Incident at CMH	This item was deferred from the July meeting as Care UK weren't represented. NHS Brent and Care UK will provide their report on the serious incident at the CMH UCC, concerning the missed pathology on radiology reports.	The committee has requested an update in six months times from Care UK and NHS Brent on the work of the UCC to ensure there have been no further problems and to understand that the recommendations from the SI report have been implemented in full.
	A&E at Central Middlesex	Update on the service, following closure of overnight A&E.	The committee endorsed the hospital trust's recommendation that the service remained closed overnight pending a review in six months time. A report should come back to members in six months on this, and the general issue of recruiting A&E doctors as there is a national shortage.
	NWL Hospitals and Ealing Hospital Trust merger – Update following approval of the Full Business Case	This was requested by members in July 2012, so that they are kept informed of the project as the merger progresses.	Report noted. David Cheesman was asked to inform members of the outcome from the Trust Board meetings and NHS London's Board meeting where the FBC for the merger will be considered. A request for a follow up at the next meeting was made on the merger and also efforts to make the £72m savings required from the hospital trust.
	Shaping a Healthier Future	For approval of the committee's response to the Shaping a Healthier Future consultation.	The committee agreed their response, which was sent back to the SAHF consultation team.
	Sharing a DPH	Report on plans for the role of the DPH and outline structure for	The committee made two

		comment and recommendations for the Executive.	<p>recommendations:</p> <p>(i) that proposals to mainstream public health services, as outlined in the report for the proposed structure of the Brent Public Health Service, be supported; and</p> <p>(ii) that because of the importance of public health, the committee is concerned about the proposal to share a Director of Public Health with another borough and recommends that the Executive does not agree to share the post with Hounslow Council.</p>
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27 th November 2012	Recruitment of health visitors in Brent	At the committee's meeting in May 2012, members agreed that they would receive a progress report from Ealing Hospital ICO on the recruitment of health visitors in Brent and their progress in meeting the Government's target for health visitors in England.	Report and ongoing issues with health visitor recruitments in Brent and across London and remedial actions being taken was noted. The committee wishes to be kept up to date on progress.
	Health needs of People with Learning Disabilities	Brent MENCAP has carried out work with NHS Brent to train GPs, hospital staff and community staff about the health needs of PWLD. A report was presented to the committee in March 2012 setting out the results of the project and some of the key challenges facing those with learning disabilities accessing healthcare. It was agreed to follow up this work in November 2012 to look at two issues:	The committee noted the update and asked for more information on Mencap's input into the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Mencap to circulate details of their comments to the JSNA to members.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NHS health check day being organised by NHS Brent, which will involve MENCAP • How MENCAP has been able to build on the initial project to train NHS staff members on working with people with learning disabilities. 	
	Time to change pledge	Members have requested a progress report on how the council is responding to the Motion to Council in July 2012 on the Time to Change Pledge.	The committee noted progress on the Time to Change pledge and work being done with managers and employees in Brent. The committee requested that this be extended to all Councillors. Cllr Hirani agreed to arrange a members development session around stress.
	Health Watch in Brent	Update on progress on the development of Health Watch in the borough. The committee has also asked for an overview of the patient involvement work happening in Brent at present – for information only.	The committee endorsed the council's approach to procuring a local Healthwatch and noted current progress. The committee asked to be kept updated on progress.
	Brent LINK work in 2012/13	Brent LINK has asked to feed back to members details of their recent work on their health needs survey, the Shaping a Healthier Future consultation and the "Enter and View" programme.	The committee noted the update from the LINK. The LINK's annual report for 2011/12 had been circulated in addition to the main report at the LINK's request, to be included in this item, but due to the lateness of receiving the report, the committee deferred this report, which will be considered in tandem with the 2012/13 report, which the Department for Health has now advised can be produced for Apr-Dec in 2012/13 due to this being the final year of the LINK. Both reports to be taken as a single item at the January committee.

	NWL Hospitals / Ealing Hospital Merger	Update from NHS London Board meeting in October, where a decision on the merger should be taken. Members would also like the update to cover the progress that the trust is making in achieving its £72m savings target as there are concerns this has fallen behind schedule.	The committee noted the report on delays and problems with the merger and the update on progress on savings and on the situation at Central Middlesex A&E, and related issues. As there were a number of unknowns and David Cheesman could not at this stage give any definite timetable, the committee requested further update at the next meeting in January.
	Update on DPH	Update on the position on the Director of Public Health. Expected to be discussed at Exec on 12 th November. So presumably a decision will have been made by the 27 th .	The committee asked to be notified immediately of any decisions or major updates on the appointment of a DPH (ie not waiting until the next meeting). They further requested a report at the January committee on the position of the DPH and progress on the transition of Public Health.

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29 th January 2013	Mental Health Services in Brent	Following a previous agenda item on IAPT services, the committee want to follow up with CNWL on the mental health provision on offer for people with more complex mental health needs, to get a better understanding of the services available and how the realignment of resources into IAPT has affected services for patients with more complex needs.	
	Role of community pharmacists in improving health and wellbeing	The chair is keen to look at community pharmacists in Brent, and how their role in delivering health services can be best utilised. She also wants to look at the way that different elements of the health system, such as GPs and social care work with pharmacists in the borough.	
	Diabetes Task	The final report of the diabetes task group will be presented to the	

	Group	committee for endorsement before going to the council's Executive for approval.	
	LINK report 2011/12 and 2012/13	The LINK added their annual report to the item in November, but this was provided too late for the committee to be able to read and digest it. The report was therefore deferred to January. As the LINK are now allowed to produce the substantive part of their annual report for 2012/13 early, covering up to December 2012, these two reports will be presented together.	
	Update on DPH and transition of Public Health	At the meeting in November, the committee requested a report at the January committee on the position of the DPH and progress on the transition of Public Health.	
	NWL Hospitals / Ealing Hospital Merger	At the November meeting the committee were given an update on the delays and problems with the merger and an update on progress on savings. As there were still a number of unknowns, and David Cheesman could not at that stage give any definite timetable, the committee requested further update at the next meeting in January.	
	A&E Waiting Times	Follow up from information provided in July 2012 – the chair has asked to include this on the work programme.	

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19 th March 2013	Serious Incident at CMH	Members requested in October 2012 a six month update from Care UK and NHS Brent on the work of the UCC to ensure there have been no further problems and to understand that the recommendations from the SI report have been implemented in full.	
	A&E at Central Middlesex	Members requested in October 2012 an update in six months on the closure of A&E overnight. The update should cover the efforts to recruit A&E staff to the trust, but also the national context around the issue of a shortage of A&E doctors.	
	Violence against Women and Girls in Brent - Scoping Document	Members requested a task group around Female Genital Mutilation to investigate whether this practice is prevalent in Brent. This has been extended to Violence against Women and Girls in Brent. The committee will be asked to approve the scope of the task group.	

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TBC	Out of hospital care strategy	As part of the Shaping a Healthier Future work, Brent will be preparing an Out of Hospital Care Strategy. The committee will consider the strategy and respond to the consultation.	
TBC	Diabetes and physiotherapy services – plans to re-commission services in Brent	NHS Brent plans to re-commission diabetes and physiotherapy services in the borough. The committee should consider the plans for the new services, as well as the consultation plan.	
TBC	Housing Advice in a Hospital Setting	Care and Repair England has produced a report on integrating housing advice into hospital services. Brent Private Tenants Rights Group would like to bring this report to the committee to begin a conversation on the best way to take this forward in Brent.	
TBC	Health Inequalities Performance Monitoring	The Health Select Committee should make health inequalities a major focus of its work in 2010/11. As part of this, a performance framework has been developed to monitor indicators relevant to the implementation of the health and wellbeing strategy, which relate to the reduction of health inequalities in the borough. This framework will be presented to the committee twice a year, with a commentary highlighting key issues for members to consider.	
TBC	Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Services Report	The Committee has asked for a report Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia services at North West London NHS Hospitals Trust. The committee will invite sickle cell patient groups to attend for this item to give their views on services in the borough. This follows a previous report on changes to paediatric in patient arrangements at NWL Hospitals. Members are keen to know how sickle cell patients have been dealing with this change.	
TBC	Fuel Poverty Task Group	Recommendation follow up on the task group's review.	
TBC	Breast Feeding in Brent	Following a report in March 2011 on the borough's Obesity Strategy, the committee has requested a follow up paper on the Breast feeding service in the borough. Members were particularly interested in the	

		role of peer support workers and how mothers are able to access breast feeding services. The committee would also like to have accurate data on breast feeding initiation and prevalence in Brent.	
TBC	End of life / palliative care in Brent	The committee has asked for a report on end of life care in Brent. Members are keen to look at how the End of Life Strategy is being implemented and to know what services exist in Brent and how effective they are in delivering care.	
TBC	TB in Brent	Added at the request of the committee (meeting on 20 th Sept 2011).	
TBC	GP access patient satisfaction survey results	In December 2011 the results of the six monthly patient survey will be published. Members should scrutinise the results with Brent GPs to see how their initiatives to improve access are reflected in patient satisfaction.	
	A&E Waiting Times	Follow up from information provided in July 2012 – the chair has asked to include this on the work programme.	
	Teenage Pregnancy	Members have asked for a report on teenage pregnancy in Brent, the services available and conception rates amongst teenagers.	
	Abortion services in Brent	Councillors have asked for a report on abortion services in Brent, and the abortion rates in the borough, including repeat abortions. This could include a more general update on sexual health provision in Brent.	
TBC	Brent MENCAP Update on work	At the November 2012 HOSC members heard from MENCAP on their work around Health Services for People with Learning Disabilities. Members requested an update on MENCAPs work at a future meeting.	

Current Task Groups

Diabetes Care in Brent – The task group is looking at services to prevent and treat diabetes in Brent and will report its findings before the end of 2012.

Future Task Groups

Female Genital Mutilation – to investigate whether this practice is prevalent in Brent, to examine the impact on victims, to see what preventative work takes place in the borough and to highlight this issue to those working with young people who are potential victims.

