



Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 11th June 2013

Report from Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Colposcopy Services at Central Middlesex Hospital

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee were advised by the Northwest London Hospital Trust, at the meeting in March, that the Colposcopy Service at Central Middlesex Hospital had been suspended after a member of staff had left. The trust had had problems recruiting a replacement, and this left insufficient staff to ensure a service that complied with waiting times criteria and clinical standards.
- 1.2 This report provides an update on the situation, including details of problems with a high number of "did not attend" instances prior to the colposcopy service closing at Central Middlesex and plans to train a gynaecological nurse to replace the member of staff that has left.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the report and question officers on the trust's plans for the colposcopy service at Central Middlesex Hospital and at Northwick Park Hospital as a whole, how quickly these can be implemented and how they will address some of the issues around non-attendance highlighted in the report.

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