



Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 27th March 2012

Report from the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Proposed merger of North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and Ealing Hospital NHS Trust

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Members will recall that at the previous meeting of the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee councillors asked that a letter be sent to North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and Ealing Hospital NHS Trust setting out the committee's views on the plans for the two organisations to merge. This was done and approved by the chair and vice chair of the Health Partnerships OSC. The letter is included as an appendix to this report for members' information. North West London Hospitals NHS Trust has responded to the letter, and their response is included as an appendix.
- 1.2 The next milestone in this project will be the publication of the Full Business Case for the merger. This will be presented to the two hospital trust boards at the end of March 2012. As the FBC is unavailable for the scrutiny committee meeting, a briefing note has been prepared setting out the developments with the project since the committee met in February 2012. This is also included as an appendix to this covering note for information. Details on the Full Business Case can be presented to a future meeting if members want to consider this.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the letter sent to the hospital trust boards in February 2012 on the merger proposals and the briefing note that has been provided for information. A report on the Full Business Case should be requested if the committee wants to consider this when it meets next.

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