

Brent Health Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Update for meeting on 27 March 2012

Organisational futures: Proposed merger of Ealing Hospital NHS Trust with The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust

The following provides an update for members of the Brent Health Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the proposed merger of Ealing Hospital NHS Trust with The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust.

Full Business Case

The merger programme team submitted the Full Business Case (FBC) with embedded appendices and supporting documentation, including the Long Term Financial Model (LTFM), key strategies and Post Implementation and Integration Plans (PMIIPs) to NHS London on 9th March in line with the revised submission deadline.

The FBC updates the Outline Business Case (OBC), ensuring that any material changes to financial assumptions are incorporated and further refines the case for change. It sets out plans for developing the new organisation, demonstrating readiness for day one and describing the path to full integration. It also documents the assurance processes undertaken by both organisations to enable existing Trust Boards to discharge their duties and to provide necessary information to the Board of the new organisation.

The next milestone is the presentation of the FBC to both Trust Boards on 29th March for approval. Assuming the FBC gains approval from Trust Boards it will formally be reviewed by the NHS London Board and the NHS North West London Board prior to submission to the Department of Health Transactions Board in May/early June. Following the submission to NHS London on 9th March they have begun their assurance process which also completes end of March 2012.

The proposed merger date is 1st July 2012.

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