

Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 27 March 2012

2011/12 Work Programme

Meeting Date	Item	Issue	Outcome
9 th June 2011	Plans for the future of North West London NHS Hospitals Trust and Ealing Hospital Trust	North West London NHS Hospitals Trust and Ealing Hospitals Trust have taken the initial steps towards a merger, commissioning consultants to see if a business case can be made for such a move. The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee wants to be kept informed of developments as this project progresses.	Report noted. The issue will come back to the committee in Sept or Nov, during the public consultation. There may also be an opportunity to meet informally with the Programme Board during the summer. Joint scrutiny with Ealing and Harrow is also a possibility.
	North West London Hospitals NHS Trust Quality Accounts	The Quality Account from the Hospital Trust will be presented to the committee to give members an opportunity to add its comments prior to submission to the Care Quality Commission.	The committee has sent its response to NWL Hospitals on their Quality Account.
	GP Commissioning Consortia Update and Primary Care Issues in Brent	<p>The committee has asked for an update from the Brent GP Commissioning Consortia to be presented to each meeting so that councillors can be kept informed of progress and key issues.</p> <p>In addition, the committee will receive reports on the following primary care issues in the borough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Burnley Practice tender exercise • A report on the situation at Stag Lane clinic, and whether any progress has been made in securing a permanent solution to the issues regarding the building, 	<p>Report noted. There are a number of issues that the committee has picked up on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health commissioning – how plans for joint commissioning with the council are progressing. • Health and social care integration • A request for a report on GP

		or a replacement.	commissioning plans in July 2011, including these two issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnley Practice – will be reported back to the committee if list dispersal is the only option
	Khat Task Group Terms of Reference	The terms of reference for the group will be presented to the committee for approval.	Agreed by the committee.
	GP list validation exercise	Request for information on the GP list validation exercise following concerns raised by patients and GPs over the process.	Agreed to follow up in July 2011 with a report from NHS Brent setting out how the project has gone, what lessons have been learned and the number of patients that have re-registered following their removal from the GP lists.

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26 th July 2011	GP Patient Access Survey Results – Q4 2010/11	The committee is keen to follow up the results of the ACE programme to see what impact it has had on patient satisfaction with access to GP services in Brent. NHS Brent has previously reported that they expected improvement by Q4 2010/11 and so members have asked to see the Q4 results, which should be available for June 2011.	The committee has asked for a report from each of the CCGs on how they will be working to improve access to their surgeries to drive up satisfaction scores. This will be presented to the committee in November 2011.

			<p>This will include individual practice performance.</p> <p>Jo Ohlson has agreed to provide traffic light performance information for each practice.</p>
	GP list validation exercise	<p>Following the meeting in June 2011, the committee has requested a report from NHS Brent setting out how the project has gone, what lessons have been learned and the number of patients that have re-registered following their removal from the GP lists.</p>	<p>The committee has recommended to NHS Brent and NHS North West London that each practice has its list validated at least once every two years, on a rolling programme for each practice in the borough, to avoid the problems that the current validation exercise has encountered.</p> <p>Information on the number of re-registrations to practices in Brent will also be sent to committee members over the coming months. This issue maybe followed up later in the year, depending on the number of re-registrations.</p>
	GP Commissioning Consortia Update	<p>The committee has asked for an update from the Brent GP Commissioning Consortia to be presented to each meeting so that councillors can be kept informed of progress and key issues.</p> <p>For July, members have requested that the report includes information:</p>	<p>Report noted. Members have asked for a report on the governance of the CCGs and also the relationship between NHS Commissioning Board, CCGs and the local authority, once these become clearer.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health commissioning – how plans for joint commissioning with the council are progressing. • Health and social care integration 	
	North West London NHS Hospitals In Patient Survey results	The results of the annual In Patient Survey will be presented to the committee in July 2011. This follows on from previous discussions on the trust's We Care Programme, which members wanted to follow up.	Report noted. This will be followed up in 12 months time.
	Central Middlesex Hospital Paediatric Assessment Unit	The North West London NHS Hospitals trust has asked to place a report on the committee's agenda on their plans for the paediatric assessment unit at Central Middlesex Hospital. They are considering a proposal to merge the unit with the Urgent Care Centre at the site. The Health Partnerships Committee should consider whether a public consultation is needed on this plan and comment on the proposals.	The committee agreed that NWL Hospitals and NHS Brent should speak to stakeholders about the proposals for the PAU at CMH and report back to the September meeting with a report on their views. At that point, the committee will decide to recommend whether formal consultation is needed on the plans for the PAU.
	North West London NHS Hospitals Trust Budget	The Hospital Trust has set a budget for 2011/12 which anticipates a deficit of £19m. The committee is keen to know what the implications are for the trust and patients and how the deficit is likely to be addressed through the year.	Report noted. The committee has agreed to follow up this issue with further reports on the proposed merger with Ealing Hospital Trust.
	Health and Wellbeing Board Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Health and Wellbeing Board to be reported to each committee meeting.	Report noted. This will now become an agenda item at each committee meeting.

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20 th September 2011	North West London Hospitals Maternity Services	There have been widely reported issues at the maternity unit at Northwick Park Hospital in recent months and NHS London has carried out a review of maternity services across London. Officers from the trust should be invited to attend the committee to report to members on the incidents that have taken place and how they have been addressed.	Report noted by the committee.
	Plans for the future of North West London NHS Hospitals Trust and Ealing Hospital Trust	The committee will have an opportunity to consider the business case and respond to the public consultation on the proposed merger. This could be deferred to November 2011, or possibly subject to joint scrutiny meeting with Ealing and Harrow.	Issue to remain in the work programme. Outline Business Case to come to November committee meeting.
	Central Middlesex Hospital Paediatric Assessment Unit	The committee considered the proposal for the PAU at CMH at its July meeting, where it agreed that NWL Hospitals and NHS Brent should speak to stakeholders about the proposals and report back to the September meeting with a report on their views. At that point, the committee will decide to recommend whether formal consultation is needed on the plans for the PAU.	The committee agreed the two recommendations in the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NWLH PAU service is decommissioned at CMH from October 15th 2011, subject to the agreement and sign off of the critical clinical pathways by Clinical leads and GPCE. • The paediatric outpatient service and Brent Sickle Cell service will remain at CMH.
	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	The committee has asked that the JSNA is brought to a future meeting, so that members can be given an overview of the borough's key health needs. The joint health and wellbeing strategy that will be developed after the JSNA will outline the council and health commissioners plan to tackle the health	The committee will be consulted on the JSNA at their next meeting in October.

		issues facing people in Brent.	
	Brent LINK Annual Report	The Brent LINK will present their annual report to the committee for discussion and comment.	Report noted
	GP Commissioning Consortia Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Brent GP Commissioning Consortia to be presented to each meeting so that councillors can be kept informed of progress and key issues.	Report noted
	Health and Wellbeing Board Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Health and Wellbeing Board to be reported to each committee meeting.	Report noted

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29 th November 2011	Integrated Care Organisation Report	The committee has requested a report on the progress of the ICO, since its creation in April 2011. The report should focus on how the ICO has strengthened its leadership in Brent and is addressing the issues highlighted by the council during consultation on its creation. This report should come to the committee in September 2011.	Members requested KPI information on the ICO performance. The committee also agreed that they should follow up the health assessment on LAC issue at a later date. This has been added to the committee's work programme.
	GP Patient Access Survey Results	Following concerns about satisfaction with access and experience at GP practices in Brent, the committee has asked for a report from each of the CCGs on how they are working to improve access to their surgeries to drive up satisfaction	Report noted. The results of the 6 month survey on GP patient satisfaction will be published in December 2011.

		scores. The report will include information on individual practice performance.	
	GP Commissioning Consortia Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Brent GP Commissioning Consortia to be presented to each meeting so that councillors can be kept informed of progress and key issues.	Noted
	Health and Wellbeing Board Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Health and Wellbeing Board to be reported to each committee meeting.	Noted
	JSNA Consultation	The JSNA will be presented to members to give them an opportunity to comment on the resource and contribute to the consultation.	The committee has asked for another presentation on the JSNA in February 2012, where they will respond to the consultation.
	Plans for the future of North West London NHS Hospitals Trust and Ealing Hospital Trust	Presentation of the outline business case, as agreed by the committee at their meeting on the 20 th September.	The committee will continue to scrutinise this issue and comment on the merger proposal. An informal meeting with members of the Ealing and Harrow OSCs will be held in Jan 2012.
	Mental Health Rehabilitation Provision in Brent	At the request of NHS Brent, this item has been put on the agenda to give members an opportunity to comment on the consultation on Mental Health Rehabilitation provision in Brent.	The committee agreed to visit Fairfield House and Rosedale House to better understand the issues that CNWL are looking to address.
	A&E at Central Middlesex Hospital	The chair has asked for an update on the plan to close A&E overnight at Central Middlesex Hospital.	The chair will write to the Hospital Trust expressing members' disappointment with communication over the closure of A&E overnight at CMH.

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7 th February 2012	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Consultation	Presentation and discussion on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, so that members are able to respond to the consultation.	Agreed to hold a separate meeting to consider the JSNA and respond to the consultation.
	Khat Task Group	Final report of the khat task group for endorsement before it is passed to the council's Executive for approval.	Report endorsed by the committee, with two additional recommendations added in relation to research into khat and a conference on khat to be held in Brent. It will go forward to the Executive for their approval.
	North West London NHS Hospitals Trust / Ealing Hospital Trust Merger	Following the informal meeting with Harrow and Ealing councillors, the item will be added to the committee's agenda for members to finalise their response to the merger proposals.	The committee has agreed to write to the Hospital Trusts with their views on the merger plans.
	North West London Commissioning Strategy Plan	Officers from NHS North West London will be invited to the committee meeting to outline their commissioning plans for the sector, the consultation for which will begin in June 2012.	Further updates will be sought as the pre consultation work on "Shaping a healthier future" continues.
	Diabetes Task Group Scoping Document	For agreement by the Health Partnerships OSC.	The committee has agreed to establish the diabetes task group.
	Health and Wellbeing Board Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Health and Wellbeing Board to be reported to each meeting.	Noted.
	Clinical Commissioning	The committee has asked for an update from the Clinical Commissioning Group at each of its meetings.	Noted.

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27 th March 2012	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. The work was paid for by Brent Council Learning Disability Development fund and an independent evaluation report has been produced to highlight this key area of health care. Brent MENCAP has requested that the report be considered by the Health Partnerships OSC as it relates to a task group carried out in 2010 looking at the health needs of people with learning disabilities.	
	Planned Care Initiative	NHS Brent has asked to bring a report to the committee on their Planned Care Initiative. This initiative is in line with plans to provide services outside hospital and involves peer review of referrals by GPs to Specialist, entering into a competitive dialogue with providers around providing some outpatients at lower costs in a community setting. The third strand includes GP practices either at their practice or in networks providing services that are a natural extension of primary care e.g. joint injections.	
	Waiting List Information	The Committee has asked for information on Hospital Waiting times from NWL Hospitals – from referral to seeing a consultant and from referral to planned surgery. This	

		information, and a report will be sought from the local NHS.	
	Recruitment of health visitors in Brent	Councillors have requested an update on how NHS Brent is contributing to the Government's aim to recruit an additional 4,200 health visitors in England by 2015.	
	Public Health Transfer to Brent Council	The chair of the committee has asked for a report on the work being done to prepare for the transfer of public health services to the council. A One Council project will take place to ensure the transfer happens within the Government's timetable and to ensure that the service meets Brent's specific needs once it is integrated within the council.	
	Shaping a healthier future	Update on pre consultation work and feedback from the meeting of North West London health scrutiny committee chairs at the end of February 2012.	
	NWL Hospitals / Ealing Hospital Trust Merger	The Full Business Case for the merger won't be published by the 27 th March, but representatives from the Trust's have offered to prepare a briefing note on this matter for members to consider.	
	GP Commissioning Consortia Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Brent GP Commissioning Consortia to be presented to each meeting so that councillors can be kept informed of progress and key issues.	
	Health and Wellbeing Board Update	The committee has asked for an update from the Health and Wellbeing Board to be reported to each committee meeting.	

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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.	
Mental health services in Brent	Report to committee on 29/11/11 may provide basis for further enquiries about mental health services. Chair of the committee has suggested support for carers of those with mental health problems.	
Patients Association Presentation	The Patients Association has offered to give a presentation on patient experience in Brent, based on their evidence and personal testimonies. The committee should decide whether it wishes to take up this offer.	
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 interested in specific issues, such as the licensing of shisha bars, to see how this issue is being addressed in Brent.	
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.	
Central Middlesex Hospital Urgent Care Centre	The Urgent Care Centre has opened at Central Middlesex Hospital. The committee has asked for a report setting out progress and performance issues in the first six months of operation for the UCC.	
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.	
Fuel Poverty Task Group	Recommendation follow up on the task group's review.	
Health Visitor numbers	Councillor Mary Daly has asked for an item on the way that NHS Brent is responding to the Government's commitment to increase Health Visitor numbers.	
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.	
PAU accessibility	NWL are carrying out a questionnaire on the accessibility to Northwick Park of sickle cell patients. The results of this will be presented to the committee.	
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.	
TB in Brent	Added at the request of the committee (meeting on 20 th Sept 2011).	
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.	

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.