



Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 18th July 2012

Report from the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and Ealing Hospital NHS Trust merger – Full Business Case

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Members of the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be familiar with the plans of North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and Ealing Hospital NHS Trust to merge. Work on this has progressed to the point where a Full Business Case for the merger has been completed and submitted to NHS London – they considered it at their board meeting on the 28th June. Both trust boards have approved the FBC final draft in principle.
- 1.2 The overall conclusions of the final draft FBC have not substantially changed from the version prepared earlier this year, but that needed additional work before it could be submitted for approval. It is recommending that the two trusts should merge and that by 2015/16 the merged trust could deliver a 1% surplus of £6.3m, putting it in a position to apply for Foundation Trust status.
- 1.3 It is noted in the report provided by the hospital trusts that the merger is conditional upon:
- The full realisation of merger synergies (clinical and financial)
 - The incorporation of robust management processes, with full clinical engagement at NWLHT and EHT to provide confidence in the delivery of the challenging Cost Improvement Programmes (CIPs) requirement for the new organisation
 - Securing £96.5m additional funding from NHS Commissioners and Department of Health (DH), to underpin the transformation and transition to 2015/16.
 - The continued support of NHS North West London (NHS NWL) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).
- 1.4 Assuming the various stages in the process can be successfully negotiated the merger will be completed in early 2013 at the earliest. Full details are set out in the report and appendices provided by the hospitals trusts. Dr William Lynn, Consultant

Physician at Ealing Hospital NHS Trust and David Cheesman, Director of Strategy at North West London Hospitals NHS Trust will attend the committee to introduce this report.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to consider the reports provided by North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and Ealing Hospital NHS Trust and question officers on the merger process and Full Business Case.

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