



## **Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 9 October 2012**

### **Report from the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement**

For Action

Wards Affected:  
ALL

## **Accident and Emergency Services at Central Middlesex Hospital**

### **1.0 Summary**

1.1 Councillors will recall that in November 2011 North West London NHS Hospitals Trust closed the Accident and Emergency Department from 7pm to 8am at Central Middlesex Hospital. The reasons for this were:

- There had been a significant reduction in the number of patients using A&E services at Central Middlesex Hospital following the opening of the Urgent Care Centre in April 2011. Numbers had fallen from 200 patients a day on average to 70 patients a day and normally only one or two people an hour between 7pm and 8am.
- Because of low patient numbers A&E staff were no longer seeing enough patients to maintain their clinical skills and expertise. When doctors left the Trust, it was becoming increasingly difficult to recruit permanent replacements.
- The onset of winter meant that the Trust felt it needed to take action to avoid a shortage of A&E doctors available during the night.

1.2 The closure was temporary pending a review of the service at the hospital. North West London NHS Hospitals Trust has provided the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a report on the position regarding A&E services for their consideration and comment.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the report from North West London NHS Hospitals Trust and question officers from the Trust on their proposals for Accident and Emergency Services at Central Middlesex Hospital.

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