



**Health Select Committee**  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2007

**Report from the  
Director of Policy & Regeneration**

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**“Change for the Better” Consultation- Update**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This item updates members on the joint consultation of Brent teaching Primary Care Trust (tPCT), The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust, and Harrow Primary Care Trust (PCT) - “Change for the Better”.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the committee notes the report and accommodates into its future work programme further information updates as they are available.

**3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 On the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006 North West London Hospitals NHS Trust, Brent tPCT, and Harrow PCT launched a joint discussion document “*Change for the Better: A discussion programme to plan health service changes together*”. This document sought to determine the views of local people regarding local health services and future delivery.
- 3.2 At its meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006 this committee received an update on the consultation and agreed to take further updates as appropriate.
- 3.3 A representative from North West London Hospitals NHS Trust will attend the meeting to present a verbal update.

## **4.0 Background**

### **4.1 *NHS Trust Strategic Reconfiguration Project***

In January 2005, NW London Hospitals NHS Trust proposed a rebuild and reconfiguration of Northwick Park Hospital. The NHS "*Better Care without Delay*" programme sought to address the need to redesign health services in Harrow and North Brent; which includes the redevelopment of the Northwick Park Hospital site. This programme has now been succeeded by "Change for the Better" following developments across London and within the national policy context.

4.2 The initial proposed plan centred on the building of a new hospital towards the rear of the current site to allow for the continued operation of the hospital. The Hospital estate reported a backlog of repairs and maintenance estimated at £50 million. Finances were secured in autumn 2004 to redevelop the site through a Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

4.3 The initial rebuilding proposals provided an opportunity to reconfigure the services provided from the site in line with the NHS modernisation agenda and similar to BECaD (Brent Emergency Care and Diagnostics) at Central Middlesex Hospital.

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