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**Fiona Wise**  
**Chief Executive**  
**North West London Hospitals NHS Trust**  
**Northwick Park Hospital**  
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Dear Fiona,

Thank you for attending our recent special meeting of the Health Select Committee focused on the proposed consultation concerning the Brent Birthing Centre.

As stated at the meeting, members would like the consultation document to include a more in-depth analysis of where people who are using the centre are coming from within the borough and its surrounding area.

We would also ask for a better demonstration of the demographic breakdown of current and potential service users of the centre. Additionally, we are keen to ensure that the consultation process addresses the diversity of the borough and that the Trust is pro-active in engaging "hard to reach" groups.

Members also requested further detail regarding how the proposed options will affect the provision of services, particularly those towards the south of the borough, and a prediction of usage levels within the next five years. Birth rate projections and population estimate information would also provide further context to these proposals.

In relation to access and transport, members requested that figures indicating the number of women currently travelling to Northwick Park Hospital for maternity services be included as an appendix to the final consultation document.



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Furthermore, it would be helpful to include recent performance information surrounding maternity services and detail of how Northwick Park Hospital could potentially accommodate the proposed change.

We would also welcome “year on year” statistics for the birthing centre rather than just those stated for 1999 and 2006 that appear in the initial draft document.

Once the trust’s consultation is launched, our committee will respond formally and I will be in touch with you again soon to update you on our progress.

Yours sincerely,



**Cllr Chris Leaman**  
**Chair**  
**Health Select Committee**

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