



**Health Select Committee
23rd October 2008**

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

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

North West London Acute Strategy

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 NHS Brent, Harrow PCT and North West London NHS Hospitals Trust have released a statement on the development of a North West London Acute Strategy. This has been put on the Health Select Committee agenda to give members the opportunity to question officers from NHS Brent on this work, and the implications that it has for acute and primary care services in Brent.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee should consider the joint statement released by NHS Brent, Harrow PCT and the North West London NHS Hospitals Trust and question officers from NHS Brent on the work that has been done to date, and how the development and implementation of this strategy could affect acute and primary care services in the borough.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 NHS Brent and Harrow PCT are devising an acute strategy in order to maximise the health and well being of local residents. It will be guided by the London-wide strategy for healthcare, Healthcare for London.
- 3.2 Over half of local NHS resources are devoted to acute care, principally at North West London NHS Trust. About 75% of the Trust's activities are commissioned by NHS Brent and Harrow PCT. An important part of the PCTs'

strategy is the pattern of acute care, and equally the hospital Trust is dependent on PCT commissioning decisions for its future income.

- 3.3 The local NHS is launching a project to develop an integrated strategy for acute services across Brent and Harrow which is consistent with plans for developing community and primary care services which is supported by clinicians, local people and their representatives. The strategy will describe how excellent and sustainable acute services will be sustained alongside expanded primary and community health services.
- 3.4 The first phase of the project runs from September 2008 to January 2009, by which time a vision for acute services will be in place. Public consultation (including consultation with the Health Select Committee) could take place in spring 2009.
- 3.5 This strategy will have implications for acute services and primary care services in Brent. Members should ask officers from NHS Brent how this project is progressing, and what the implications could be for services in the borough.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 None

Background Papers

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