

1.0 Summary

1.1 NHS Brent has started the procurement process for a GP led health centre and also intends to procure a provider for GP services at Harlesden Medical Centre. Officers from NHS Brent will be attending the Health Select Committee to update members on the work that has happened to date. This is also an opportunity for members to ask NHS Brent about the new service and comment on the proposals and public engagement strategy.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee should consider the NHS Brent report on the GP led health centre and Harlesden Medical Centre and comment on the public engagement strategy. The Committee should also take the opportunity to ask NHS Brent officers about the GP led health centre and the possible implications for primary care in Brent.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 GP Led Health Centres are part of the Equitable Access to Primary Care programme that has been introduced in 2008/2009.
- 3.2 As a minimum GP Led Health Centres will be expected to:
 - Provide Core GP services
 - Open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

- Provide bookable and walk in services
- Services should be available to registered and non-registered patients
- Be sited in an accessible location
- Maximise opportunities to integrate and co-locate with other community-based services including social care.
- 3.3 The NHS Brent report outlines the process that they have been through to select a location for the GP led health centre and the project timetable. The contract for the new facility will be awarded by the end of March 2009. The new service will be operational by summer 2009.
- 3.4 NHS Brent wants to engage with local people on the service specification for both the GP Led Health Centre. The engagement plan outlines how this will be taking place. The Health Select Committee is asked to comment and advise NHS Brent on the engagement strategy.
- 3.5 The Committee should also take the opportunity to ask NHS Brent officers about the GP led health centre and the possible implications for primary care in Brent.

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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