



**Health Select Committee  
16 December 2008**

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

For Action

Wards Affected: ALL

**Access to Health Sites Task Group**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 To present the final report of the joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health Select Committee task group on public transport access to health sites.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health Select Committee agree the recommendations of the access to health sites task group.
- 2.2 That the report is passed to the council's Executive for approval, before being formally sent to other organisations affected by the task group's recommendations.

**3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The access to health sites task group was set up by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health Select Committee to look at public transport access to health services in Brent.
- 3.2 The group was established in response to local concerns about transport access to health sites in Brent. The Healthcare for London JOSC had identified public transport access to health facilities as being crucial to the delivery of good quality healthcare in London. The task group were also keen to promote active travel, encouraging people not to drive and use sustainable, environmentally friendly travel options.
- 3.3 The task group's work focussed on two key issues:

- Public transport access to health sites and the work that is taking place to improve access. This included hospitals in Brent and hospitals outside of the borough used by Brent residents and primary care facilities within the borough.
- How work is progressing to adapt transport services and improve access to health sites, as they are reconfigured to implement the vision of health services set out in *Healthcare for London*.

3.4 Throughout the review, the task group was keen that health and transport providers offer the best services possible for the residents of Brent. The task group has made a number of recommendations that if implemented should:

- Encourage health providers to work with TfL as they are planning service changes, both at the primary care level and for acute services
- Will help to influence London Buses to improve bus routes to local hospitals and other health sites in Brent
- Improve partnership working between health commissioners and providers, transport planners and Brent Council

3.5 The task group's recommendations are on pages 6, 7 and 8 of the report.

3.6 If the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health Select Committee approve the report and recommendations it will be passed to the council's Executive for approval. It will then be sent formally to the organisations affected by the recommendations.

#### **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**

Access to Health Sites Task Group Report

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