



**Health Select Committee
16th December 2008**

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

For Action

Wards Affected: ALL

Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides members of the Health Select Committee with an update on the Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital. The Committee originally considered proposals for an Urgent Care Centre at its meeting in June 2008, where members asked to be kept informed of developments.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health Select Committee should consider the report on the development of the Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital and question officers from NHS Brent on the proposed service.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 NHS Brent is working on the development of an Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital. Members of the Health Select Committee received a report on this in June 2008 and have asked to be kept informed of developments.
- 3.2 An Urgent Care Centre is used to divert patients with primary care needs who present at A&E to ensure they are treated by primary care clinicians, and are supported to access ongoing primary care in appropriate settings close to their homes. The Urgent Care Centre can help improve outcomes for those patients who need treatment, but don't require A&E services. They also help trusts achieve four hour waiting targets in A&E.
- 3.3 The report from NHS Brent included as an appendix to this paper contains further details on the preparatory work that has taken place ahead of a

decision by the NHS Brent board to proceed with procurement of an Urgent Care Centre. The earliest that the centre will be open is October 2009.

- 3.4 The Health Select Committee should question officers from NHS Brent on the plans to develop an urgent care centre, and decide whether they want a further update later in the year.

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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