

	<p align="center">Full Council 20 September 2021</p>
	<p align="center">Report from the Assistant Chief Executive</p>
<p align="center">Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report</p>	

Wards Affected:	All
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
Appendices:	One Appendix A: Committee Work Programme 2021-2022
Background Papers:	None
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present Full Council with a report providing an update on the meetings and activities of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee since Full Council on 12 July 2021.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the updates from the Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the Chair of the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3 Detail

- 3.1. Brent Council has two scrutiny committees; the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee and the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. The Council is also a member of the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (NWLJHOSC), and Cllr Sheth is the Chair of the NWLJHOSC for the municipal year 2021-22.
- 3.2. A scrutiny committee can look at anything which affects the borough or its inhabitants, subject to its remit. The 2019 statutory guidance on overview and scrutiny recommends that a committee concentrates on fewer, significant topics which it reviews in-depth. The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has prioritised issues and work planning based on strategic thinking and focusing on high-value, high-impact areas of decision-making and policy development.
- 3.3. The remit of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is set out in the Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny Committees. The remit of the committee includes:

Adult social care, public health and the statutory responsibility for scrutiny of local health services. It also scrutinises services for the children and young people, partnership work undertaken by the Children's Trust and safeguarding arrangements.

- 3.4. As part of its remit set out in the constitution, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee can scrutinise, and make recommendations, to NHS organisations. It reviews the provision and operation of health services in the borough and can make reports or recommendations to NHS bodies or Full Council.

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- 3.5. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and social care in England. A key role of the CQC is to publish findings, including performance ratings to help people choose care.
- 3.6. On 25 June 2021 an inspection report was published by the CQC which included maternity services at Northwick Park Hospital. The services were rated inadequate. Both safe and well-led were rated as inadequate. The caring, effective and responsive domains were not rated. There were positive findings in infection control.
- 3.7. An extraordinary meeting of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was organised for 23 August 2021 by the Chair as a response to the CQC inspection of Northwick Park Hospital maternity services and the inadequate rating causing high levels of concern in Brent.
- 3.8. The committee called for evidence from senior responsible officers in NHS organisations and relevant partners, including:
 - Chris Bown, Chief Executive, London Northwest University, London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust (LNWH)

- Simon Crawford, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Strategy, London Northwest University, London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust (LNWH)
- Lisa Knight MBE, Chief Nurse, London Northwest University, London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust (LNWH)
- Lesley Watts, Chief Executive, the North West London Integrated Care System (NWL ICS)
- Pippa Nightingale, Chief Nurse, the North West London Integrated Care System (NWL ICS)
- Dr MC Patel, Northwest London Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Judith Davey, Chief Executive, Brent Healthwatch

3.9. The committee considered the maternity services improvement plans in detail. The improvement plan covers three key areas:

- Workforce, culture and leadership
- Women centred care
- Safe, effective care

The C&WSC's key lines of enquiry included governance, leadership, women centred care and culture.

3.10 The committee proposed suggestions for improvement and further information requests. The draft recommendations are being agreed by the committee. A progress report on the delivery of the maternity services improvement plan was requested for the January C&WSC.

3.11. The GP Access Task Group has continued to meet during this period. An interim report on the findings of the Task Group has been prepared for consideration by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

The North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (NWLJHOSC)

3.12. The North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprises representatives from the boroughs of Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Richmond, Wandsworth and Westminster. It meets with representatives of NHS North West London organisations to consider matters concerning health care subject to consultation.

3.13. On 14 July 2021 the NWLJHOSC met. The committee elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair. Councillor Ketan Sheth, the Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was proposed and elected Chair of the NWLJHOSC. This decision will be ratified at the first public meeting of the committee post pandemic.

3.14. At the July meeting, the NWLJHOSC considered the development of the North West London Integrated Care System. Lesley Watts, the Chief Executive of the NWL ICS, introduced this item. Lesley Watts outlined how the NWL ICS was well developed and the Development Plan had been submitted to NHS England. Key questioning from

NWLJHOSC members included the need to ensure there was quality improvement across mental health provision.

3.15. The NWLJHOSC also considered the North West London NHS Recovery and COVID 19 Vaccination Programme. Pippa Nightingale, Chief Nurse NWL ICS and Rory Hegarty, Director of Communication and Engagement NWL CCG introduced the item. The COVID 19 Vaccination Programme item was agreed, with a number of requests made, including the sharing of communications in relation to the recruitment of local people as vaccine volunteers.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no equality implications.

7 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Councillors will discuss this report at the Council meeting.

Report sign off:

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