



Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

24 July 2013

Report from Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Pathology Incidents: Update Report

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 In June, following the serious incidents around pathology test results and the subsequent Root Cause Analysis Investigation, the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee were presented with an Action Plan designed to address the issues raised in the investigation report. The committee requested an update on progress against this plan at this meeting.
- 1.2 The report gives an overview of the Governance and Quality Framework that is being used with the aim of ensuring quality in the pathology service. It includes a list of the standards that need to be met and some of the processes that aim to ensure quality. The report also lists a number of governance and accountability arrangements that the service users (Brent and Harrow CCGs and NW London Hospitals Trust) have in place, that are designed to monitor the quality of the pathology service.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the report and the original Route Cause Analysis and Action Plan and question officers on: the general progress of the action plan and on the governance and quality framework, whether all of these measures/processes are now in place, and what assurances the CCG and NWLHT can now give that these will guarantee a reliable and safe service.

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