



Health Select Committee
24 March 2010

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

For Action

Wards Affected: ALL

Integrated Strategic Plan for North West London

1.0 Summary

1.1 The Health Select Committee will be presented with the details of the North West London Integrated Strategic Plan (ISP). The ISP has been produced by the North West London Acute Commissioning Partnership. Each of the eight PCTs in the North West London sector, including NHS Brent, is a member of the partnership.

1.2 The ISP will set out the acute commissioning intentions for the North West London sector that are likely to be subject of public consultation after the local and general elections later this year. The foreword to the ISP gives a flavour of what to expect from the full document:

“The plan describes the shift of care to lower cost settings in polysystems and the consequent effect upon acute hospitals. It describes how we will drive change through community and primary services and enhance quality in secondary care services.”

The plan details the action we will take to implement the eight ‘Healthcare for London’ pathways at a local level. This will inevitably result in fewer beds in the acute sector as resources are transferred to more appropriate settings.”

1.3 NHS Brent has provided a series of presentation slides which includes more detail on the ISP. The main points in the presentation are:

- There are plans for 27 polyclinics in NWL, linked to nine urgent care centres to ensure more appropriate use of services for unscheduled care.
- Greater choice over maternity and new born services
- There are huge variations in A&E attendance across NWL, but the development of Urgent Care Centres and better management of long term conditions should reduce the number of attendances by 2014.
- There are emerging conclusions from four clinical working groups – Surgery, Medicine, Maternity and New Born and Children and Young People.

- Sector conclusions include a maximum of three major acute hospitals in NWL with 24/7 emergency surgery, in-patient paediatrics, high level neonatal intensive care, full A&E with an urgent care centre and paediatric assessment unit.
- A 13 week public consultation on options likely to begin in autumn 2010.

1.4 Steps have been taken to engage the chairs of the North West London health scrutiny committees on the ISP and a further meeting is planned for the 18th March 2010. The Health Select Committee will be updated on any additional information reported to that meeting, especially on site-specific options for change.

1.5 In the meantime, the Health Select Committee is encouraged to consider the ISP presentation and question officers from NHS Brent on the likely impact on Brent.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Health Select Committee should consider the presentation on the North West London Sector Integrated Strategic Plan and question officers from NHS Brent on the likely impact on health services in the borough.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 None

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Diversity Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

6.1 None

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