



Health Select Committee
24 March 2010

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

For Action

Wards Affected: ALL

**Brent Health Select Committee response to “Better Services for
Local Children – A Public Consultation for Brent and Harrow”**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 NHS Brent, NHS Harrow and North West London NHS Hospitals Trust are carrying out a public consultation on the future of paediatric services provided by North West London NHS Hospitals Trust. The Health Select Committee will recall that it is proposed to centralise inpatient paediatric services at Northwick Park Hospital and create two paediatric assessment units, one at Northwick Park Hospital and one at Central Middlesex Hospital. The paediatric assessment units will operate extended opening hours and will be a consultant led service.
- 1.2 The Health Select Committee met on the 7th January 2010 to sign off the plans for the public consultation on paediatric services. It was agreed at that meeting that a challenge session would be held at Northwick Park Hospital for councillors to question officers and clinicians on the specific proposals for paediatric services in order for the Health Select Committee to respond to the consultation. Brent and Harrow overview and scrutiny councillors held a joint challenge session on Wednesday 10th February 2010 to make best use of time and resources. This included a tour of the paediatric ward at Northwick Park Hospital. Councillors Chris Leaman, Ruth Moher and George Crane attended on behalf of the Health Select Committee.
- 1.3 A draft response to the consultation is attached at appendix 1 to this report. The Health Select Committee is asked to consider the response and suggest any amendments, which will be made before it is formally submitted to the Hospital Trust and NHS Brent. The deadline for responding to the consultation is Sunday 4th April 2010.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health Select Committee is recommended to agree the draft consultation response at appendix 1. If councillors have any amendments to the response, they should be agreed at the Health Select Committee meeting.

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

Background Papers

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