



## Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### Report from the Assistant Chief Executive

For Action

Wards Affected:  
ALL

## Health Services: Winter Provisions

### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny committee may remember that last winter (2012/13) North West London Hospitals Trust's Accident and Emergency Departments struggled to cope with the additional pressures traditionally felt during the winter months. Brent CCG and NWLHT have therefore both been asked to provide the committee with details of their plans to cope with the forthcoming winter pressures.
- 1.2 The reports from Brent CCG and NWLHT outlines the demand faced during last winter and the analysis that has been done to look at expected demand for the forthcoming winter. It outlines discussions with the NHS Trust Development Agency, NHS England and key actions that have been or will be put in place to address the traditional winter pressures, with a focus on alleviating A&E bed spaces.
- 1.3 The proposals include a number of measures, notably to increase bed capacity (both internally and through external sites) and a reduction in the number of DTOCs (Delayed Transfer of Care). The CCG report provides an assessment of the net estimated gap in bed capacity taking account of the projected additional beds.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The committee is recommended to consider the measures proposed in the report and question officers further in order to establish whether it agrees these measures are appropriate and sufficient to address the strain on the system that is anticipated in the approaching winter months.

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