

Health Select Committee Work Programme – 2010/11

The items listed below were either considered by the committee in 2009/10 and added to the work programme for 2010/11 for follow up or are issues that will become relevant during the course of the year.

Proposed Item	Issue for Health Select Committee	Committee Date
Health Inequalities between wards in Brent	Report from Policy and Regeneration Unit. Context on health inequalities in the borough and a good introduction to the main issues that the Health Select Committee will need to address	July 2010.
Obesity Strategy	The committee wants to look at the Obesity Strategy in the summer of 2010, prior to its approval in order to see how obesity in Brent is to be addressed. This follows on from previous reports considering childhood obesity in Brent and the MEND programme.	July 2010
Tobacco Control Strategy Presentation	The committee will be given a presentation on the Tobacco Control Strategy, currently being developed by NHS Brent and the council.	July 2010
Access to health services for people with learning disabilities	Final report of the task group, for committee endorsement once it is available.	July 2010
Paediatric Services Implementation Plan	The Health Select Committee spent considerable time in 2009/10 scrutinising plans for changes to paediatric services provided by North West London NHS Hospitals Trust and responding to their public consultation on this issue. The committee should scrutinise implementation plans to assess how this project is running. This could be done in conjunction with the Harrow Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as they were also interested in this subject.	July 2010
Local Involvement Network Annual Report	The LINK should present its annual report to the local overview and scrutiny committee each year. The Health Select Committee receives this in Brent, and will do so again in July 2010.	July 2010
Health service developments in Brent and the North West London Sector	The Secretary of State for Health has made a number of policy announcements since taking office. NHS Brent and NWL Hospitals Trust will be asked to provide an update on how it is responding to the new government's health policies and the implications this has for local services.	October 2010
Polysystem Development	NHS Brent has agreed its Primary Care Strategy, which includes a commitment to	October 2010.

	develop polysystems in Brent. This could result in service changes that will be of interest to members and so the Health Select Committee should be kept informed as this project progresses. Regular updates will be requested from NHS Brent, who will be commissioning the polysystems. – Linked to above item on health service developments as polysystems are now in doubt.	
Housing and Health Inequalities Scrutiny Review	The Council is working with 6 other North West London boroughs on a housing and health inequalities scrutiny review. The final review report will be presented to the committee for endorsement.	October 2010
Public Health Annual Report	NHS Brent will present details of the Annual Public Health Report for the committee to consider and comment on.	October 2010
Section 75 partnership arrangements for mental health services	The council and Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust are entering into a S75 agreement for the provision of mental health services in Brent. The committee has asked for a report back in July 2010 on progress with this agreement.	October 2010
Belvedere House	That the consultation plan for Belvedere House will be presented to the Health Select Committee early in 2010/11. A visit will also be organised for members to Belvedere House to see the services delivered from the building and better understand the proposals for change. This follows on from discussions on Belvedere at the committee in March 2010.	October 2010
Improving Access to GP Services Task Group	This has been agreed as a task group for 2010/11. The scope of the review will be agreed in July 2010, with the work completed before the end of the municipal year. In addition, the committee should consider an update on access satisfaction results from the latest quarterly satisfaction survey.	October 2010
Health Inequalities Performance Monitoring	The Health Select Committee needs to make health inequalities a major focus of its work in 2010/11. As part of this, a performance framework has been developed to monitor indicators relevant to the implementation of the health and wellbeing strategy, which relate to the reduction of health inequalities in the borough. This framework will be presented to the committee twice a year, with a commentary highlighting key issues for members to consider.	October 2010 and March 2011
Smoking Cessation	The committee wants to keep track of this issue and will receive regular service updates. The next is scheduled for October 2010. The importance of this cannot be overstated as smoking is the biggest cause of premature death and preventable illness in Brent.	October 2010
NWL Hospitals Trust In Patient Survey Results	The committee has considered the results of the in-patient survey each year for the past three years. Results are available in the summer of each year. In addition, the trust has implemented its “We Care” patient experience programme in response to a	October 2010

	poor in-patient survey score in 2008/09. Members should scrutinise progress on improving the patient experience at the hospital trust, via the 2009/10 patient survey and an update on "We Care".	
North West London Sector Integrated Strategic Plan	Plans for the acute sector in North West London will be published in the sector ISP. The Health Select Committee should continue to take updates on this plan, as well as respond to consultation, likely to happen towards the end of 2010.	December 2010
Immunisation Task Group	Six month follow up of the immunisation task group in October 2010, to see how the recommendations have been implemented.	December 2010
Access to Health Sites Task Group	Further follow up on this task group, following a report to the committee in March 2010 which revealed that implementation of the recommendations had been slower than expected.	December 2010
Recommendations to the Planning Committee	The Committee has made a recommendation to the Planning Committee in relation to the proliferation of hot food take away shops near secondary school premises. The committee should follow up the committee's response to the recommendation, after it has been considered in October 2010.	December 2010

Other issues:

1. Visit to St Luke's Hospice – It had been suggested that the Health Select Committee visits the St Luke's Hospice in Kenton to understand more about the palliative care services on offer in the borough. The new committee should decide whether it wishes to take up St Luke's offer to host a visit.