



Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 16 December 2010

Report from the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Update on Brent Community Services

1.0 Summary – Creation of the Integrated Care Organisation

1.1 Members of the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be aware of NHS Brent's plans to integrate Brent Community Services within Ealing Hospital Trust and to create an Integrated Care Organisation. The committee has considered this issue twice already – at an informal meeting in September 2010 and at the committee's last meeting on the 14th October. At that meeting in October, the committee agreed the following:

The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee does not endorse NHS Brent's preferred option for Brent Community Services, integration with Ealing Hospital Trust and the creation of an ICO. Instead, it agreed to endorse Gareth Daniel's letter (which set out the council's concerns in relation to the ICO), sent to Mark Easton on the 21st September.

1.2 Mark Easton, Chief Executive of NHS Brent, has written to Cllr Ben Ogunro, chair of the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Andrew Davies, Policy and Performance Officer, outlining the current position with regard to the creation of the ICO. The letter is included as an appendix to this report, but the main points to consider in it are:

- NHS Brent and Ealing Hospital Trust are nearing the completion of plans to create an Integrated Care Organisation (ICO), incorporating Ealing Hospital and community services in Brent, Ealing and Harrow.
- The Boards of NHS Ealing, NHS Brent, NHS Harrow, and Ealing Hospital NHS Trust gave their go-ahead for the development of the plans for the ICO earlier this year and approved the ICO business case which was presented to the NHS Brent Board on 25 November.
- The business case will go to NHS London for final approval, and work on the formal legal transaction will take place over the coming month or so.

- When the NHS London considers the ICO proposal in January they will be made aware of the Brent council's position, and the reservations that have been expressed about the proposed transfer of Brent Community Services (BCS). They will also need to take account of the views of other stakeholders, who are in favour of the proposal. It is likely that the ICO proposal will be approved by the SHA.
- If approved the implementation date for the ICO will be 1 April 2011.
- If the proposal is approved, NHS Brent is keen to find ways of working with the council to address the concerns they have, specifically around governance, service specific issues and commissioning.

1.3 If the ICO plan is approved by NHS London as expected, then the council will want to ensure that the concerns that it had about the creation of the organisation are addressed. The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee should question officers from NHS Brent on how they intend to do this.

Children's Services

1.4 At the meeting in October, members of the committee asked for some additional information on children's health services provided by Brent Community Services and the organisation's approach to safeguarding. Information has been provided by BCS, which is included on the committee's agenda and summarised below.

- 27,543 children aged 0-5 currently receive services from Brent Community Services
- 32,446 children aged 5-19 currently receive services from Brent Community Services
- 892 children with special needs currently receive services from Brent Community Services
- The number of Children with a Child Protection Plan aged 0 to 5 is 104. The number of children aged 5-19 who have a child protection plan is 143.
- 165 Brent Community Services staff work in partnership with schools, children's centres, social care, housing and voluntary organisations to deliver frontline services.

The key health issues affecting children have been identified by public health as:

- Obesity – 29% of children at reception and year 6 are classed as overweight or obese
- Tooth decay - The level of tooth decay in children aged 5 is higher (5.47 mean no of teeth per child which were decayed, missing or filled) than the England average (3.45)
- SMR - The SMR for children aged <15 is 131 and is significantly higher than England
- Teenage Conception and Abortion – although the teenage conception rate (40 per 1000) is lower than the national average (40.5 per 1000) 64% of all

teenage conceptions end in abortion which is significantly higher than the 50% national average.

- Immunisation - The level of immunisation (MMR at 2 yrs) is 81.1%. This is lower than the England average of 84.6%
- Infant Mortality - Infant mortality rate (6.5 per 1000 live births) is higher than the England average (4.7)

1.5 Members will be able to question officers from NHS Brent on this information at the committee meeting.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the latest information on the plans for the creation of an Integrated Care Organisation and questions officers from NHS Brent on how the council's concerns will be addressed as the organisation is set up.

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