

Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2010/11

Meeting Date	Item	Issue for committee to consider	Outcome
15 th July 2010	Health Inequalities in Brent	Report from Acting Director of Public Health. Context on health inequalities in the borough and a good introduction to the main issues that the Health Select Committee will need to address.	Report noted, but will pick up issues raised in work programme throughout the year.
	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.	<p>The committee made the following suggestions for inclusion in the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More is done to influence food suppliers in the borough, e.g. the supermarkets, rather than only focussing on individuals making a change to their own behaviour. • There is a need for a greater focus on early years' provision given the impact it has on the long term health and wellbeing of children. • The strategy needs to better reflect people's lives, connected to the argument that fast food is tastier, easier and more filling than cooking a healthy meal with fresh ingredients and vegetables which is why people eat it. <p>The committee will follow up the implementation of the strategy in April 2011.</p>
	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.	Report noted. The committee will follow up the implementation of strategy in April 2010.

	Access to health services for people with learning disabilities	Final report of the task group, for committee endorsement once it is available.	Endorsed by the committee and will be passed to the Executive for approval.
	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.	Report noted. Request for information on sickle cell patients in Brent and also to follow up implementation in April 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.	Report noted.

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14 th October 2010	Equity and Excellence – Liberating the NHS	The health white paper, Equity and Excellence – Liberating the NHS sets out radical changes to the way health services are to be commissioned and also the role of local government in health services. The	The council's response to Equity and Excellence – Liberating the NHS, was endorsed by the Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

		committee will receive a report outlining these changes, which will also summarise the council's response to the white paper consultation.	
	HIV / Sexual Health in Brent	The committee has requested a report on sexual health services in Brent from NHS Brent. Members want to know what services are provided, what the key issues are in relation to sexual health in Brent and specific information on services available for people with HIV.	The committee noted the report but asked for additional information on services in Brent, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services for those who have been victim of rape • Sexual health outreach services • Information on the number of married teenagers who become pregnant or seek terminations, if this is available
	Public Health Annual Report	NHS Brent will present details of the Annual Public Health Report for the committee to consider and comment on.	Report not discussed, but distributed to the committee for information.
	Burnley GP Practice, Willesden Centre for Health and Care	There are concerns that the Burnley GP practice at Willesden Centre for Health and Care is to close. NHS Brent will be asked to provide an update on this issue.	The committee made the following recommendation to NHS Brent regarding the registered patient list at the Burnley Practice (i.e. not the homelessness service): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That NHS Brent carries out an open tender process for the Burnley Practice registered patients service. This is to ensure that the service continues to be delivered from Willesden Centre for Health and Care and to avoid dispersal of existing patients in an area which already has fewer GPs per head of population than other areas of Brent.
	Proposals for	The Health Select Committee will receive a	It was agreed that:

	the creation of an Integrated Care Organisation	report setting out proposals for the creation of an Integrated Care Organisation based at Ealing Hospital Trust. The ICO will bring together Ealing Hospital Trust, Ealing, Harrow and Brent Community Services into one organisation. The committee should comment on the proposals and respond to NHS Brent with their views on this issue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 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, sent to Mark Easton on the 21st September. • It agreed to continue an on-going dialogue with NHS Brent on this issue. They have asked for a report to their next meeting (on the 16th December) on other options for Brent Community Services for their consideration. This report should contain some budgetary information on BCS, including spend on each of the services delivered by the organisation.
	Merger of NWL PCTs	NHS Brent will be asked to update the committee on the plans to merger PCTs in North West London and the implications this has for Brent.	Report noted.
	Tobacco Investments	Issue raised under any other business by Councillor Ann Hunter.	<p>The following recommendation has been passed to the Brent Pension Fund Sub Committee:</p> <p><i>The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Brent Pension Fund Sub-Committee reconsiders the investments that Brent Council has in tobacco firms. The overview and scrutiny committee does not believe that the council should be investing pension fund money in companies that make profits at the expense of peoples' health and that it contradicts the council's work to promote tobacco control and smoking cessation. The committee is encouraged that other councils, such as Harrow, have taken a decision to disinvestment from these firms and hopes that the council can follow their lead particularly as Brent is</i></p>

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16 th December 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 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".	
	Brent GP commissioning pathfinder	Brent GPs are planning to set up a commissioning consortium as part of the government's pathfinder programme. This is to encourage GPs to begin commissioning health services for patients as soon as possible. Brent GPs have requested that they attend the committee to explain to members what their plans are and how it will affect commissioning in Brent.	
	Brent Community Services	The committee has agreed to continue an ongoing dialogue with NHS Brent and	

		Ealing Hospital Trust on the proposals for Brent Community Services. The committee has asked for a further report setting out alternative options for Brent Community Services for their consideration. This report should contain budgetary information on BCS, including spend on each of the services delivered by the organisation, as well as information on safeguarding services.	
	Respite Care	The committee would like a report on respite care arrangements in Brent for people who are carers. NHS Brent will be asked to provide a report on this issue for December 2010.	
	Recommendations to the Planning Committee	The Committee made a recommendation to the Planning Committee in March 2010 in relation to the proliferation of hot food take away shops near secondary school premises. The committee should follow up the Planning Committee's response to the recommendation, after it has been considered in October 2010.	<p>This reference was considered at the Planning Committee on 20th October. The resolution agreed was as follows;</p> <p>RESOLVED:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the proposed Local Development Scheme timetable at Appendix 3 be endorsed and recommended to Executive that it be agreed for submission to the Secretary of State and the Mayor of London. (ii) that the appropriate way forward for reviewing the Council's approach to the determination of planning applications for hot-food takeaways was to undertake this as part of the preparation of the Development Management Policies DPD.

	<p>Recommendation to the Brent Pension Fund Sub Committee</p>	<p>The following recommendation was passed to the Brent Pension Fund Sub Committee:</p> <p><i>The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Brent Pension Fund Sub-Committee reconsiders the investments that Brent Council has in tobacco firms. The overview and scrutiny committee does not believe that the council should be investing pension fund money in companies that make profits at the expense of peoples' health and that it contradicts the council's work to promote tobacco control and smoking cessation. The committee is encouraged that other councils, such as Harrow, have taken a decision to disinvest from these firms and hopes that the council can follow their lead particularly as Brent is launching its Tobacco Control Strategy on 29th November. Attached is a letter from Cllr Ann Hunter who raised the matter, which was printed in the Willesden and Brent Times on 21st October.</i></p> <p>The committee will be updated on the council's position regarding tobacco investments.</p>	<p>The Brent Pension Fund Sub-Committee considered the committee's recommendation on the 30th November and agreed:</p> <p>"that its fund managers will take investment decisions on the basis of the best interests of the Fund, which is held for the best interest of beneficiaries, thus re-affirming the policy of the Council of non-political or administrative interference with investment decisions or involvement with companies in which the fund managers have acquired shares on behalf of the fund".</p>
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16 th February 2011	Access to health services for people with learning disabilities	The task group's final report was endorsed by the committee in July 2010. It is good practice to follow up recommendations 6 months after they have been approved to see how they are being implemented. This will happen in February 2011.	
	GP services in Brent	The committee has requested a report on GP services in Brent following consideration of the Burnley Practice issue. The report should contain information on the spread of GPs in Brent and the steps taken by NHS Brent to mitigate the effects of GP retirement.	
	Immunisation Task Group	Six month follow up of the immunisation task group in December 2010, to see how the recommendations have been implemented.	
	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.	
	Health Inequalities Performance Monitoring	The Health Select Committee should 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.	
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5 th April 2011	Tobacco Control Strategy	Health Select Committee has asked for report back in April 2011 on progress made in the implementation of this strategy, following presentation on key issues in July 2010.	
	Obesity Strategy	The committee has asked for a report back in April 2011 on progress made in the implementation of this strategy, following presentation on key issues in July 2010.	
	Paediatric Services in Brent	North West London Hospitals NHS Trust has implemented the new arrangements for paediatric services in Brent and will update the committee on progress with this in April 2011.	

Items to be timetabled

Item	Issue	Possible date
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.	

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.	
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.	
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.	
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.	
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.	

Other issues:

1. Visit to St Luke's Hospice – Health Select Committee would like to accept the offer to visit the St Luke's Hospice in Kenton to understand more about the palliative care services on offer in the borough. This will be arranged for autumn 2010.