



**Health Select Committee**  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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

For Action

Wards Affected: ALL

**Acute Services Review**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 The Health Select Committee has received reports on the acute services review at its previous meetings and members have also attended a briefing at the Harrow Overview and Scrutiny Committee on plans for paediatric and emergency surgery services at North West London Hospitals Trust. Officers from NHS Brent and North West London Hospitals Trust will attend the committee to update members on the project and also to give a pre-consultation presentation.
- 1.2 Since the committee met last an independent clinical review has taken place on the provision of emergency surgery services during the day at Central Middlesex Hospital. The review has concluded that emergency surgery should not continue to be provided from CMH as it is currently. The reasons for this are that "it is not possible to maintain the high clinical standards required to ensure safe and effective emergency surgery at both the Northwick Park and CMH sites".<sup>1</sup> Further information on this development is included in a letter to Councillor Chris Leaman, included as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 In addition, the chair of the committee had asked for the views of the Local Medical Committee on the acute services review. A letter from Dr Helen Clark, chair of the Brent LMC is also included as an appendix to this report.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter to Councillor Chris Leaman from Mark Easton, NHS Brent Chief Executive – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Health Select Committee is recommended to consider the presentation that will be given on the acute services review and put forward their views on the proposals. Members should take into account the letters from Mark Easton and Dr Helen Clark appended to this report.

## **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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