

Health Select Committee Work Programme – 2009/10

Health Select Committee – 9 th June 2009				
Pre Meeting Planning		Post Meeting Actions		
Subject and Witness	Issue	Outcomes and Actions Arising	Responsible Officer	Deadline and Status
Swine Flu Update	NHS Brent will update the committee on the steps it's taking to prepare for a possible swine flu pandemic in the UK. The Committee should take this opportunity to question officers on the preparations and make recommendations if they have concerns.	The committee agreed to consider this issue again later in the year if the situation deteriorated and a flu pandemic was declared.	Andrew Davies to liaise with PCT staff as necessary.	To be confirmed, depending on events in coming months.
Local Area Agreement Targets – Six month reporting	The Committee has asked to consider progress against the health related Local Area Agreement targets on a 6 monthly basis. The next scheduled time to do this is in June 2009.	Agreed to bring back a further report in six months time. The committee also want to keep looking at smoking cessation data and information on adults participating in sport even though these are no longer LAA targets.	Rebecca Fogarty / Jim Connelly	9 th December 2009
Improving access to GPs in Brent	This item has been placed on the work programme so that the committee can follow up the access to GPs issues, previously considered in October 2008. NHS Brent has produced an action plan that is being implemented across the borough. The committee should follow up progress on this work.	The committee has asked to see the results of the annual patient satisfaction survey in October 2009.	Jo Ohlson	20 th October 2009
North West	The Committee has been concerned about	Report noted. Will follow up later in	Fiona Wise	To be

London Hospital NHS Trust Financial Position	the financial standing of the North West London NHS Hospitals Trust financial position. There have been two issues of concern – the ability of the trust to break even and plans to make savings requirements in 2009/10. Members have asked to receive regular updates from the trust in order to monitor this and consider the impact of the financial difficulties on services and patients.	the year. This issue will also be central when the committee is discussing the acute services review and the options for change.		confirmed.
JOSC Update	Update on the final outcome of the Stroke and Trauma Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Report noted. Final JOSC report to be circulated to all members of the committee. Feedback from JCPCT will be provided in October.	Andrew Davies	20 th October 2009.
Children's Surgical Services	Update members on the commissioning of specialist children's surgical services and position regarding formal consultation.	The committee agreed that formal consultation on these proposals was not required.	Andrew Davies to inform NWL Collaborative Commissioning Group	Done – 10 th June 2009.
Health Select Committee Work Programme	The Health Select Committee needs to select its work programme for 2009/10 and will be presented with a report setting out items that could be included in the programme.	Work programme agreed, but will be on each Health Select Committee agenda for members to add or remove items.	Andrew Davies	To be included on each committee agenda.
Acute Services Review	Update paper from NHS Brent. Health Select is being asked to consider how it wishes to sign off the review by the end of June 2009.	A fuller discussion on options is to take place in July 2009. A meeting will be held beforehand to agree what information is required at the 15 th July committee meeting.	Andrew Davies	15 th July 2009

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North West London Acute Services Provider Review	<p>The North West London Joint Committee of PCTs has set up a review of acute provider services in the sector. The local acute services review will feed into this wider review. The sector wide review will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation of Healthcare for London - where proposals for major trauma and stroke have been launched, but with other changes to follow. • The plans PCTs have to base more care outside hospital by strengthening primary and community care provision. • The need for hospitals to have a secure financial, performance and strategic base, so that they can achieve Foundation Trust status. • Specific proposals on services at Central Middlesex and Northwick Park Hospital. <p>A discussion paper is to be released in July 2009, which the Health Select Committee should consider.</p>	<p>Update report considered. Outcome of acute services review to be reported to Health Select Committee members at Harrow Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28th July 2009.</p> <p>It was agreed by members that if necessary the chair and vice chair of the committee could sign off the consultation process for the review before next committee meeting on 20th October 2009.</p>	Mark Easton, NHS Brent. Andrew Davies to co-ordinate with PCT and Hospital Trust.	October 2009
North West London Sector	A collaborative commissioning group has been set up by PCTs in North West London	Report noted.		

Acute Commissioning Vehicle	to commission some acute services. The Health Select Committee will be presented with a report outlining the role and remit of this group and information on the services it is to commission in the sector. Complex surgical services for children is an example of a service that is being commissioned by the sector acute commissioning vehicle.			
North West London NHS Hospitals Trust – In Patient Survey Results	Results of the Care Quality Commission annual patients' survey have been released and will be presented to the Health Select Committee for information and comment.	The committee has asked the hospital trust to present details and results of the "We Care" programme to a future meeting. The programme is being run to address some of the issues highlighted in the survey, such as treating patients with dignity and respect and trust and confidence in doctors. This has been scheduled for December 2009.	Fiona Wise, NWL Hospitals.	
Local Involvement Network Annual Report	It is a statutory requirement for the Brent LINK to present its annual report to an overview and scrutiny committee. This will be presented to the Health Select Committee at its meeting in July 2009.	Report noted.		
District Nurses Parking	The committee has referred the issue of district nurses parking to the portfolio holder for highways and transportation and the Highways Committee and asked for a report back setting out how the issue might be resolved. This should be considered at the June meeting of the Health Select Committee.	Not considered – still to go to the Highways Committee.	Andrew Davies to chase.	

Health Select Committee – 20th October 2009				
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World Class Commissioning Strategy Plan Refresh	<p>NHS Brent will be reviewing its World Class Commissioning strategy plan in the light of revised funding projections from the Department of Health. The PCT is following a three stage process for this review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting a case for change to the Department for Health by Sept 2009 • Looking at the implications for services of three possible funding settlements for NHS Brent • Submit final Commissioning Strategy Plan by December 2009 <p>The Committee will be updated on this work, including the impact of the different options the primary care trust is working on.</p>			
Primary Care Strategy – Follow up from challenge session	<p>There were three specific issues relating to the Primary Care Strategy that members wanted to follow up following their challenge session in April 2009 –</p> <p>i). The five cluster plans for Brent to see</p>			

	<p>how services will change to implement the strategy in each area of the borough. ii). The Investment Plan for the strategy. This should be in place by October 2009. iii). The plans for the polyclinic in Willesden. NHS Brent intends to tender for this service by October 2009.</p> <p>These issues will be picked up in the Commissioning Strategy Plan item.</p>			
<p>GP Access Survey Results</p>	<p>Results of the annual GP access survey will be presented to the committee to give members an indication of how satisfied members of the public are with GP access in the borough. The committee has taken a keen interest in GP access previously and so this will be a useful report which goes some way to seeing whether patients are satisfied with NHS Brent initiatives, such as extended hours which is now available in most practices.</p>			
<p>Smoking Cessation</p>	<p>This is a serious issue in Brent, given that PCT services were withdrawn during turnaround. Services have now been reinstated, but performance has been off target. The chair of the Health Select Committee has asked for smoking cessation information to be included on the agenda after seeing the provisional results for the 1st quarter of 2008/09:</p> <p>4 week quit – 105</p>			

	13 week quit - 0			
Acute Services Review	Details on the consultation proposals, plus options for consultation to presented to the committee. Consultation to be on inpatient paediatric services.			
Health Inequalities	The Audit Commission has completed a report into Brent's Health Inequalities. This will be presented to the Health Select Committee for comments.			
Major Trauma and Stroke Services – Update on final report of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and decisions from Joint Committee of PCTs	The major trauma and stroke services consultation will be completed in May 2009 and the final decisions on the location and number of services will be taken by the Joint Committee of PCTs in July 2009. Health Select Committee considered the consultation in March 2009 and will be updated on the results of this work, including the number and location of Major Trauma Centres and Hyper Acute Stroke Units in August / September 2009.			

Health Select Committee – 9th December 2009				
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Section 75 Arrangements for the delivery of mental health services in Brent	The Committee has asked to be consulted on the proposals to extend the Section 75 agreements for the provision of mental health services in Brent. This is likely to come forward towards the end of 2009 and has been pencilled in for the December meeting of the committee.			
Access to Health Sites Task Group – 12 month follow up	The committee should follow up the access to health sites task group later this year in line with good practice on the completion of task groups.			
Local Area Agreement Targets	The committee agreed in June 2009 to continue to monitor the LAA targets on a six monthly basis. The committee will only consider indicators that have an impact on health and well being.			
Immunisation Task Group	Childhood immunisation has been selected as the next Health Select Committee task group. The task group findings and report will be presented to the committee in October 2009.			
Results of the “We Care” programme at North West	As a result of issues raised by the 2008 Hospital Trust Inpatient Survey, NWL Hospitals has commissioned a piece of work called “We Care”, which is aimed at giving			

London Hospitals Trust	patients views to hospital staff, through video interviews with members of the public and use of real time patient feedback. The Committee has asked to see the results of this work and learn about the impact that it has had on the staff who work at the trust.			
Hyper acute stroke unit and stroke unit implementation progress	Northwick Park Hospital has selected as a location for a hyper acute stroke unit and a stroke unit following the London-wide stroke service consultation carried out by Healthcare for London. The committee should receive an update on how the new services are progressing.			
Public Health Annual Report	NHS Brent will present details of the Annual Public Health Report for the committee to consider and comment on.			

Health Select Committee – 17th February 2010				
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World Class Commissioning Strategy Plan	Update on the review of the World Class Commissioning Strategic Plan as the PCT reviews its targets in the lights of revised funding predictions from the Department of Health.			
Sports	The committee is keen to monitor			

Participation	participation in sport data even though the indicator is no longer included in the Local Area Agreement. Performance had been below target when the committee looked at this in June 2009. Members are interested to know what the council is able to do to encourage people to take three, 30 minute periods of exercise each week.			
Childhood Obesity	This issue came out of discussions on the local area agreement in June 2009. Members are concerned about the levels of childhood obesity in the borough. Thought needs to be given about how they want to approach this issue to make best use of committee time.			

Health Select Committee – 24th March 2010

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Standards for Better Health Declarations	Each year the committee puts together its comments on the work of the three health trusts in Brent for the Care Quality Commission Standards for Better Health Declarations. The Committee will consider the trust's self assessments before finalising its comments.			

Items to be timetabled

The following items are included in the Health Select Committee Work Programme, but are still to be allocated a meeting for consideration.

Proposed Item	Issue for Health Select Committee
Primary Care Strategy – Implementation of Strategy – consultations as and when they arise	NHS Brent will confirm its Primary Care Strategy in spring/summer 2009. Implementation of the strategy will follow on from this and could result in service changes that will be of interest to members, not least the polyclinic development at Willesden Centre for Health and Care. Issues arising from the implementation of the strategy will be brought to the Health Select Committee as and when they arise.
Services for people with learning disabilities	Following a report by the Local Government Ombudsman and the Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman into health and social care services for people with learning disabilities, it has been recommended that all health and social care organisations review the systems they have in place to they have in place to plan to meet the full range of needs of people with learning disabilities in their area. It was also recommended that they review the capacity and capability of the services they provide and/or commission for their local populations to meet the additional and often complex needs of people with learning disabilities. Organisations were asked to report their findings within 12 months. Health Select Committee may want to follow up this issue with local health organisations to ensure the needs of people with learning disabilities are being met.
Consent for health services involving patients with learning disabilities	Issue raised by Cllr Ruth Moher - could the issue of how the trusts deal with patients with a learning disability be considered by the Health Select Committee. Carers have expressed concern that when their adult children have refused treatment that was needed, such as an injection, then the treatment was not given. Could the committee look at the issue of consent for people with learning disabilities? This is very closely linked to the issue above and could be considered in a broader look at services for people with learning disabilities.
North West London Acute Provider Landscape	The North West London Collaborative Programme office has contacted the council with a view to consulting members on the acute services provider landscape in 2009. More detail will be included in the work programme when it is sent to the council.
Health Inequalities	The Health Select Committee may want to revisit health inequality data to see how progress is being made

	in reducing our well established inequalities. A “stock take” has been suggested.
Swine Flu Update	This was considered by the Health Select Committee at its meeting on 9 th June. Members agreed to keep this issue in the work programme and to consider it again at a future meeting if the need arose. This can be added to a meeting agenda if necessary, in due course.