

Health Partnerships OSC

Work Programme 2012-13

Meeting Date	Item	Issue	Outcome
May 2012	Recruitment of health visitors in Brent	Following consideration of a report on the recruitment of health visitors in Brent in March 2012, members agreed to follow up with Ealing Hospital ICO their plans to recruit and train more health visitors in line with the Government's plans to increase the number of health visitors in England.	
May 2012	Planned Care Initiative – ophthalmology and cardiology services in Brent	<p>NHS Brent brought a paper to the committee in March 2012 on their plans to re-commission services for ophthalmology and cardiology in Brent. At the meeting in March 2012, members agreed to follow up two issues with NHS Brent at their May 2012 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation plan for the two services • The consultancy costs associated with the retender of cardiology and ophthalmology services 	
May 2012	A&E Waiting Times in Brent	The Committee considered a report on waiting times at its meeting in March 2012. That report was missing information on A&E waiting times, and so a second paper has been requested – members have asked for a report on A&E waiting times for the committee's May meeting, and to invite representatives from NWL Hospitals to attend for this item to account for performance in A&E. The report should include information on ambulance transfers from CMH to Northwick Park Hospital.	
May 2012	X-ray records at Central Middlesex Hospital Urgent Care Centre	NHS Brent is investigating a serious incident at Central Middlesex Urgent Care Centre. 6000 patients sent for x-ray but Care UK, the Urgent Care Centre provider, cannot confirm whether the radiology reports have been reviewed for missed pathology or whether discharge notifications have been issued to GPs. The committee will be presented with a report on the investigation into this incident and	

		steps being taken to ensure that it doesn't happen again.	
May 2012	Primary Care Update in Brent	<p>The committee will receive a report setting out an update on two medical centres in the borough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willesden Medical Centre, which is considering relocating to Willesden Hospital. • Kenton Medical Centre, which is to close 	
May 2012 and future meetings	Shaping a healthier future	NHS North West London is to start consulting on plans for major service changes in the cluster. Although a JOSC has been set up to scrutinise the changes, Health Partnerships OSC will also be able to scrutinise the proposals affecting Brent. This will be standing item on the committee's agenda for the duration of Shaping a Healthier Future. Focus at this meeting will be on Brent's Out of Hospital Care Strategy.	
July 2012	Brent Tobacco Control Strategy	The committee would like to follow up the Brent Tobacco Control Strategy, to check the progress of its implementation. It is also interested in specific issues, such as the licensing of shisha bars, to see how this issue is being addressed in Brent.	
September 2012	Health needs of People with Learning Disabilities	<p>Brent MENCAP has carried out work with NHS Brent to train GPs, hospital staff and community staff about the health needs of PWLD. A report was presented to the committee in March 2012 setting out the results of the project and some of the key challenges facing those with learning disabilities accessing healthcare. It was agreed to follow up this work in Sept-Oct 2012 to look at two issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NHS health check day being organised by NHS Brent, which will involve MENCAP • How MENCAP has been able to build on the initial project to train NHS staff members on working with people with learning disabilities. 	
September 2012	Diabetes Task Group	The final report of the diabetes task group will be presented to the committee for endorsement before going to the council's Executive for approval.	
TBC	Out of hospital care strategy	As part of the Shaping a Healthier Future work, Brent will be preparing an Out of Hospital Care Strategy. The committee will	

		consider the strategy and respond to the consultation.	
TBC	Diabetes and physiotherapy services – plans to re-commission services in Brent	NHS Brent plans to re-commission diabetes and physiotherapy services in the borough. The committee should consider the plans for the new services, as well as the consultation plan.	
TBC	NWL Hospitals and Ealing Hospital Trust merger plans	The hospital trust merger is progressing and a Full Business Case will be available in May 2012. The committee needs to decide how it wishes to scrutinise plans for the merger, which will be built into the work programme. Follow up will also happen once the merger is approved to ensure services aren't affected during the transition period.	
TBC	Housing Advice in a Hospital Setting	Care and Repair England has produced a report on integrating housing advice into hospital services. Brent Private Tenants Rights Group would like to bring this report to the committee to begin a conversation on the best way to take this forward in Brent.	
TBC	Role of community pharmacists in improving health and wellbeing	The chair is keen to look at community pharmacists in Brent, and how their role in delivering health services can be best utilised. She also wants to look at the way that different elements of the health system, such as GPs and social care work with pharmacists in the borough.	
TBC	Mental health services in Brent	Report to committee on 29/11/11 may provide basis for further enquiries about mental health services. Chair of the committee has suggested support for carers of those with mental health problems.	
TBC	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.	
TBC	Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Services Report	The Committee has asked for a report Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia services at North West London NHS Hospitals Trust. The committee will invite sickle cell patient groups to attend for this item to give their views on services in the borough. This follows a previous report on	

		changes to paediatric in patient arrangements at NWL Hospitals. Members are keen to know how sickle cell patients have been dealing with this change.	
TBC	Fuel Poverty Task Group	Recommendation follow up on the task group's review.	
TBC	Breast Feeding in Brent	Following a report in March 2011 on the borough's Obesity Strategy, the committee has requested a follow up paper on the Breast feeding service in the borough. Members were particularly interested in the role of peer support workers and how mothers are able to access breast feeding services. The committee would also like to have accurate data on breast feeding initiation and prevalence in Brent.	
TBC	End of life / palliative care in Brent	The committee has asked for a report on end of life care in Brent. Members are keen to look at how the End of Life Strategy is being implemented and to know what services exist in Brent and how effective they are in delivering care.	
TBC	TB in Brent	Added at the request of the committee (meeting on 20 th Sept 2011).	
TBC	GP access patient satisfaction survey results	In December 2011 the results of the six monthly patient survey will be published. Members should scrutinise the results with Brent GPs to see how their initiatives to improve access are reflected in patient satisfaction.	

Current Task Groups

Diabetes Care in Brent – The task group is looking at services to prevent and treat diabetes in Brent and will report its findings before the end of 2012.

Future Task Groups

Female Genital Mutilation – to investigate whether this practice is prevalent in Brent, to examine the impact on victims, to see what preventative work takes place in the borough and to highlight this issue to those working with young people who are potential victims.

