



Full Council
21 November 2022

**Report from Director Engagement,
Strategy & Communications**

Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Council
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
No. of Appendices:	One Appendix 1: Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 22-23
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To update Full Council on the meetings and activities of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and North West London Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee since the last meeting of Full Council on 21 September 2022.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To note the updates as set out in the Chair's report.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Brent Council has two scrutiny committees: the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee. The Council also participates as a full voting member in the North West London Joint Health Overview Scrutiny (NWL JHOSC), this is chaired by Councillor Ketan Sheth for the 2022-23 municipal year.

3.2 A scrutiny committee can review anything which affects the borough or its inhabitants, subject to its remit. The remit of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is set out in the Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny Committees. The committee's remit includes:

Adult social care; Safeguarding; Children's services; Cultural services; Education; Health; Housing; Public Health and Wellbeing.

3.3 As part of its remit set out in the constitution, and its role to review the provision and operation of health services within the borough, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee can scrutinise, and make recommendations, to NHS organisations or relevant health service providers.

The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

3.4 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met for its second meeting of the municipal year on 22 September. Here the committee reviewed an item on the implementation of potential changes to services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and the impact upon High Needs Block funding. The paper was introduced by Councillor Grahl, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools who explained the report was a response to the recently published Green Paper on SEND which signalled potential changes to the way these services are delivered. The committee questioned Brent's preparedness to implement these new changes, and how it would work with partners such as the Integrated Care Partnership to do so. Nigel Chapman - Corporate Director of Children and Young People also outlined the national and local context which has led to the current overspend in the High Needs Block.

3.5 The committee also reviewed a report on the council's Early Help strategy. This is delivered through 8 Family Wellbeing Centres across the borough in a hub based service delivery model; where residents receive a number of person centred services in one place. Councillor Grahl introduced the report and set out the background to the transition from Children's Centres to Family Wellbeing Centres from 2019-2021. It was highlighted that whilst Family Wellbeing Centres were created due to a savings requirement, Brent was now ahead of the national debate on Early Help as the government is now moving towards the hub model of service delivery nationally. The committee focused their questioning on outreach work being done to promote Family Wellbeing

Centres to the most vulnerable families, and also sought reassurances on funding and staffing capacity within Family Wellbeing Centres.

- 3.6 The next meeting of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will take place on 22 November. The committee will review the annual reports from the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Children. These papers will set out how the council participates in multi-agency working to safeguard adults and children in Brent. The committee will also receive a 6 month update report on the progress made in implementing the recommendations from the Transitional Safeguarding scrutiny task group.
- 3.7 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Task Group on Social Prescribing is progressing in its work. Two out of four planned evidence sessions have been delivered, and the task group expects to bring its interim report to the 25 January 2023 Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

The North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (NWL JHOSC)

- 3.8 The North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising the plans for meeting the health needs of the population and arranging for the provision of health services in North West London. The committee reviews and scrutinises decisions or actions taken by the North West London Integrated Care System, their Integrated Care Board and other NHS service providers. The committee takes a wider view than individual local authorities and reviews issues with a pan North West London focus.
- 3.9 The North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprises of representatives from the boroughs of Brent, Ealing Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, and a co-opted representative from Richmond upon Thames.
- 3.10 Since the last report to Full Council the NWLJHOSC met at the London Borough of Richmond-upon Thames on 12 October for its second meeting of the municipal year.
- 3.11 During this meeting committee members reviewed a number of topical items that are current priorities for the North West London Integrated Care System. The first was an item on primary care strategy and performance across North West London, during which the Committee questioned how the NHS could better educate residents on how to navigate primary care systems to access services quicker. This is a key concern of many residents who are still adapting to the changes in primary care delivery as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The committee also highlighted a lack of current primary care performance data, which is reflected in the recommendations made to the NHS below:

- I. *To recommend that JHOSC members are proactively consulted with and have oversight of stakeholder and public engagement activities to share with their networks.*
- II. *To recommend that the workforce model is appropriately balanced in order to ensure that patients are receiving equity of care across NW London.*
- III. *To recommend that wait times for a routine GP appointment are collected and shared with the committee.*
- IV. *To recommend that the education and communication plan for navigating primary care systems is developed and shared when it becomes available.*

3.12 The committee then reviewed an item on Accident and Emergency Pathways and London Ambulance Service Performance in North West London. Here the committee questioned the London Ambulance Service on their plans to significantly improve Category 2 waiting time performance. Category 2 calls are related to serious conditions such as strokes or chest pains, which may require rapid assessment and/or urgent transport. The committee also requested that the London Ambulance Service reinstate providing performance data on a bi-monthly basis. The committee made the following recommendation to the NHS on this item:

- I. *To receive clear timescales and trajectory for when London Ambulance Service performance will improve*

3.13 The Committee then reviewed a paper on the Community Based-Specialised Palliative Care Improvement Programme, an item that had been reviewed by the Brent Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 5 July 2022. The Committee heard that the model of care working group would finish its work in autumn 2022 and begin the development phase of the programme. The palliative care improvement programme team outlined that any significant change to service delivery would require further consultation with North West London residents. The following recommendation was made to the NHS on this item:

- I. *To bring a paper summarising emerging findings from the Borough Based Partnership's self-assessments tools to a future JHOSC meeting.*

3.14 The last substantive item was a North West London Integrated Care System update, presented by Chief Executive Rob Hurd. The paper's main focus was the funding arrangements of the North West London Integrated Care System. The paper also outlined other key current work streams such as governance arrangements and vaccinations. Members restated their expectation that they are consulted with on decisions relating to healthcare arrangements in North West London, and made the following recommendation to the NHS:

- I. *For the JHOSC to be aligned with the ICB in agenda forward planning.*

3.15 Members of the JHOSC will keep a continuous watching brief to monitor the implementation of recommendations made at formal JHOSC meetings.

3.16 In Councillor Ketan Sheth's role as Chair of the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Brent Civic Centre hosted a joint meeting of the four acute provider trusts in North West London on October 18 2022. The meeting was further welcome evidence of increased collaboration between acute trusts in North West London, and highlighted Brent's ambition to contribute to and support the vital work of the NHS in NW London.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Councillors will discuss this report at the Council meeting.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 There are no human resources or property implications arising from this report.

Report sign off:

Lorna Hughes,
Director of Engagement, Strategy &
Communications

Appendix 1: Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

5 July 2022

Agenda Item	Leader/Deputy Leader/Cabinet Members	Chief Executive/Strategic Directors	External Organisations	External participants
Update on Adult Day Care Services	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care		
Update on Shared Lives Scheme & Tudor Gardens	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care		

Adult Carers	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care		
End of Life Care	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care	NHS	Carolyn Regan – Chief Executive West London NHS Trust Andrew Pike, Assistant Director of Communications NW London CCG

22 September 2022

Agenda Item	Leader/Deputy Leader/Cabinet Members	Chief Executive/Strategic Directors	External Organisations	External Directors
Implementation of SEND Review and High Needs Block	Cllr Gwen Grahl, Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	Nigel Chapman, Corporate Director, Children and Young People Minesh Patel, Corporate Director, Finance and Resources	Health	TBC

Early Help & Family Wellbeing Centres	Cllr Gwen Grahl, Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	Nigel Chapman, Corporate Director, Children and Young People		
Scoping Paper on Social Prescribing	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care Tom Shakespeare, Integrated Care Partnership Director		Robyn Doran, Borough Director Brent Integrated Care Partnership

22 November 2022

Agenda Item	Leader/Deputy Leader/Cabinet Members	Chief Executive/Strategic Directors	External Organisations	External Participants
Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-2023 *with a particular focus on cuckooing	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care	Brent Safeguarding Adults' Board	Independent Chair, SAB
Brent's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Children	Cllr Gwen Grahl, Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	Nigel Chapman, Corporate Director, Children and Young People Carolyn Downs Chief Executive, Brent Council	Metropolitan Police Health	Safeguarding Lead, North West London BCU Director of Quality, North West London CCG Independent Convenor, SCF
Transitional Safeguarding Task Group 6 Months' Update	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care		

	Cllr Gwen Grahl, Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	Nigel Chapman, Corporate Director, Children and Young People		
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25 January 2023

Agenda Item	Leader/Deputy Leader/Cabinet Members	Chief Executive/Strategic Directors/ Director of Public Health	External Organisations	External Participants
Brent Housing Management Update to include: Fire Safety, Resident Engagement, Housing Inspection Framework	Cllr Promise Knight, Lead Member for Housing, Homelessness and Renters Security	Peter Gadsdon, Corporate Director, Resident Services		
Mental Health	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care		Carolyn Regan, Chief Executive West London NHS Trust
Social Prescribing Task Group Interim Report	Councillor Ketan Sheth, Task Group Chair	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care		

7 March 2023

Agenda Item	Leader/Deputy Leader/Cabinet Members	Chief Executive/Strategic Directors/ Director of Public Health	External Organisations	External Participants

Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Including CAMHS	Cllr Gwen Grahl, Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	Nigel Chapman, Corporate Director, Children and Young People		Trish Davies, Central North West London CAMHS Service manager
Update on School Attainment including for Black British Boys of Caribbean Heritage	Cllr Gwen Grahl, Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	Nigel Chapman, Corporate Director, Children and Young People		Head teacher from primary & secondary school in Brent
Northwick Park NHS Trust Maternity Improvement Plan Progress Update				Pippa Nightingale, Chief Executive for London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust. Lisa Knight (Chief Nurse NWL ICS)
GP Access Task Group 1 Years' Update	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care		Dr Muhammad Haider, Primary Care Lead Officer Fana Hussain, Head of Planned and Primary Care Jonathan Turner, Borough Director, Brent Integrated Partnership, North West London Integrated Care System
Immunisation	Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health Tom Shakespeare, Integrated Care Partnership Director		Jonathan Turner, Borough Director, Brent Integrated Partnership, North West London Integrated Care System

18 April 2023

Agenda Item	Leader/Deputy Leader/Cabinet Members	Chief Executive/Strategic Directors	External Organisations	External Participants
Casey Review 1 Years' Update		<p>Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, Brent Council</p> <p>Chris Whyte, Chair of Stakeholder Panel</p>	Metropolitan Police Football Association	<p>Tom Legg, Head of Operations, The Football Association</p> <p>Chris Bryant, Head of Tournament Delivery, The Football Association</p> <p>Jim Brockway, Metropolitan Police</p>
Community Diagnostic Centres in North West London		<p>Phil Porter, Corporate Director, Public Health and Adult Social Care</p> <p>Tom Shakespeare, Integrated Care Partnership Director</p>		Jonathan Turner, Borough Director, Brent Integrated Partnership, North West London Integrated Care System
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