
Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	3 October 2013
Subject	Dolphin Ward Update
Report of	Overview and Scrutiny Office
Summary of Report	The Committee have requested to receive an update on the status of the former residents of the Dolphin Ward at the Springwell Centre on the Barnet Hospital site.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Key Decision	No
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	N/A
Function of	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enclosures	None
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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Committee note the update on the former patients of the Dolphin Ward (Older Adults Admissions Unit) at the Springwell Centre on the Barnet Hospital site as provided by the Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group / Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust (Appendix A) and make appropriate comments and/or recommendations.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 12 September 2012, Any Other Items the Chairman Decides are Urgent – the Committee were notified by Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust that the Dolphin Ward had been closed due to clinical concerns and that patients had been moved to the Chase Farm Hospital site. The Committee noted that the former Napsbury patients had already been subject to a transfer from Elysian House to the Springwell Centre in September 2011 and assurances had been sought at that time that no further transfers would take place.
- 2.2 Health and Well-Being Board, 4 October 2012, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy Update – the Board received an update on the BEH Clinical Strategy and were advised that they would be informed of developments regarding the future of the Dolphin Ward at the Springwell Centre.
- 2.3 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 December 2012, Any Other Items the Chairman Decides are Urgent – the Committee received an update from Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group on the relocation of former residents of the Dolphin Ward.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are: –
- Promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough;
 - Support families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and well-being; and
 - Improve the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study.
- 3.3 The work of the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the delivery of the following outcomes identified in the Corporate Plan:
- To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health; and
 - To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None in the context of this report.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.
- The Council is required to give due regard to its public sector equality duties as set out in the Equality Act 2010 and as public bodies, health partners are also subject to equalities legislation; consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.2 See also Appendix A, at 2.1.2 and page 11 which highlight some positive and some negative effects which have been identified in the Equalities Impact Assessment and Analysis which is attached to the Report at Appendix A.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 Section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218; Part 4 Health Scrutiny by Local Authorities provides for the establishment of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees by local authorities.

7.2 Health and Social Care Act 2012, Section 12 – introduces section 2B to the NHS Act 2006 which imposes a new target duty on the local authority to take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of people in its area.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

8.1 Council Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – sets out the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee which includes:

- i) To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas.
- ii) To make reports and recommendations to the Executive, Health and Well-Being Board and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.
- iii) To receive, consider and respond to reports and consultations from the NHS Commissioning Board, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group, Barnet Health and Well-Being Board and/or other health bodies.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 As set out in Section 2 (Relevant Previous Decisions), the Committee have received a number of updates on the former patients of the Dolphin Ward (Older Adults Admissions Unit) at the Springwell Centre on the Barnet Hospital site. The Committee have requested to receive an update from Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group and Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust on the status of the former patients. The update received is set out in **Appendix A**.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None.

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