

Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	12 December 2013
Subject	Breast Screening Services – Finchley Memorial Hospital
Report of Summary	Scrutiny Office This report provides the Committee with an update on breast screening services at Finchley Memorial Hospital.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Key Decision	N/A
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	N/A
Function of Enclosures	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Appendix A – London Breast Screening Service and NHS England Submission Appendix B – Community Health Partnerships Submission Appendix C – NHS Property Services Submission
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 The Committee considers information from:

- i) NHS England and the London Breast Screening Service; and**
 - ii) NHS Property Services and Community Health Partnerships**
- in relation to Breast Screening Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital as set out in the appendices.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 3 October 2013, Agenda Item 6 – Members Item – Breast Screening Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital – the Committee considered Members’ Items in the names of Councillors Alison Cornelius and Barry Rawlings in relation to the recent relocation of breast screening services from Finchley Memorial Hospital to Enfield.

The Committee considered submissions from the Head of Screening at NHS England – London Region, the Programme Manager at the North London Breast Screening Service and Steve Davis Operations Manager at the North London Breast Screening Service.

Following consideration of the submissions from NHS officers and the Cabinet Member for Public Health, the Committee resolved to receive an update from: NHS England and the London Breast Screening Service; and NHS Prop Co and Community Health Partnerships on breast screening services at Finchley Memorial Hospital at the December meeting.

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 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision-making in the council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must have due regard to the equality duties when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.2 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.

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 At the meeting held on 3 October 2013, the Committee considered a Members' Item in the name of Councillors Alison Cornelius and Barry Rawlings in relation to breast screening services at Finchley Memorial Hospital in relation to the following two issues:

- Why the mobile breast screening unit has been removed from Finchley Memorial Hospital and letters were sent out to patients without any prior discussion/consultation with partners;
- The reason why breast screening services have been transferred from Finchley Memorial Hospital to Enfield.

9.2 As set out in section 2.1 above, the Committee considered submissions from NHS England, the North London Breast Screening Service and the Cabinet Member for Public Health. Following consideration of the evidence received, the Committee resolved to receive an update at this meeting. The submissions from health partners are set out in the attached appendices.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

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