

	<h2>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</h2> <h3>20 October 2014</h3>
Title	GP Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital
Report of	Governance Service
Wards	All
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Enclosures	<p>Appendix A – Update Report from NHS England (As received by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2014)</p> <p>Appendix B – Update Report from NHS England – October 2014</p>
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Summary

This report provides the Committee with a submission from NHS England on GP Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital (Appendix B)

Representatives from NHS England will be in attendance at the meeting to present the report and respond to questions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee note the update from NHS England on GP Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital, and ask questions and make comments.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 At the meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 December 2013, the Committee received a Members Item in the name of Cllr. Geof Cooke GP in relation to NHS England seeking to relocate local GP practices onto the Finchley Memorial Hospital site. The Committee received representations from Councillor Jim Tierney, Ward Member for West Finchley, and the Practice Manager at the surgery of at 209 Ballards Lane. Following the consideration of Cllr. Cooke's item, the Committee resolved the following:

1.2 Following the consideration of Cllr. Cooke's Members Item, the Committee resolved the following:

RESOLVED that:-

1. *The Committee invite NHS England to make a written submission and be invited to address the Committee at the March 2014 meeting on:
 - i) *The issues detailed above regarding the decision to move Dr Thwe's practice to Finchley Memorial Hospital; and*
 - ii) *Any progress made in relocating GP practices into the vacant GP space at Finchley Memorial Hospital.**
2. *The Committee receive a written submission in advance of the next meeting in relation to the impact of dispersing the patient list of two practices in the West Finchley area (Dr K Dodanwatawana, 110 – 112 Ballards Lane and Dr S S Thwe, 209 Ballards Lane).*

1.3 The written submission referred to in the above Resolution is contained at Appendix A. At the Committee meeting on 12 March 2014, the Committee resolved the following:

RESOLVED that:-

1. *The update on GP services at Finchley Memorial Hospital and in West Finchley as set out in the report and above be noted.*
2. *NHS England be requested to circulate the terms of reference of the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Partnership Board which were considering estates matters in the three boroughs.*
3. *NHS England be requested to confirm the total number of patients and GPs transferring to Finchley Memorial Hospital from Cornwall House Surgery and Squires Lane Medical Practice.*

4. *The Committee add an item to the future work programme on GP service planning to review NHS England's strategic plans for GP provision and linkages to the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.*

1.4 The written submission referred to in 1.3 above is set out in Appendix A.

1.5 The Committee have now requested to review an update from NHS England on the current status of GPs at the site. This update is provided at Appendix B.

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1.4 By receiving this update, the Committee will be kept up to date on the site issues affecting GPs moving into the premises. Representatives from NHS England will be in attendance on the evening to present the report at Appendix B and to respond to questions from the Committee.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

2.4 Not Applicable.

3 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

3.4 Following consideration of this item, the Committee will be able to determine any further actions that they wish to pursue.

4 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

4.4 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.

5.3 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.

5.4 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.

5.5 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.6 None in the context of this report.

5.7 Legal and Constitutional References

5.7.1 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.

5.7.2 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.

5.7.2 The Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) sets out the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as having the following responsibilities:

“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.”

“To make reports and recommendations to Council, Health and Well Being Board, the Secretary of State for Health and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.”

“To scrutinise and review promotion of effective partnerships between health and social care, and other health partnerships in the public, private and voluntary sectors.”

5.8 Risk Management

5.8.1 Not receiving this report would present a risk to the Committee in that they would not be kept up to date on issues surrounding GPs at Finchley Memorial Hospital.

5.9 Equalities and Diversity

5.9.1 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.

5.9.2 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.

5.10 Consultation and Engagement

5.10.1 None in the context of this report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None