

	<p align="center">Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 8 December 2014</p>
<p align="center">Title</p>	<p>Surgery Branch Closure – Business Case from Dr Isaacson & Partners</p>
<p align="center">Report of</p>	<p>Governance Service</p>
<p align="center">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p align="center">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p align="center">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A - Business Proposal for the closure of a branch surgery in East Finchley</p>
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Summary

Dr Isaacson & Partners have drafted a business case which has been submitted to NHS England with the intention of closing their branch surgery in East Finchley.

NHS England have instructed that Dr Isaacson & Partners include the views of the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the possible closure.

The Committee are asked to consider the business case attached at Appendix A. Representatives from Dr Isaacson & Partners will be in attendance to present the business case to the Committee, and to respond to any questions from Members. Dr Isaacson & Partners will include the comments made by the Committee in their Business Case, which will be submitted to NHS England.

Recommendations

That the Committee consider the report attached at Appendix A, and provide Dr Isaacson & Partners with their views on the proposed closure.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 NHS England have instructed that Dr Isaacson & Partners include the views of the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the possible closure.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The report provides the Committee with the opportunity to formally put on record their views on the proposed closure, which will be considered by NHS England.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The views of the Committee in relation to this matter will be passed on by Dr Isaacson & Partners to NHS England.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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

- 5.71 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.

- 5.7.11 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."

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 the provision of GP services in the area, or have the ability to pass their views on via the business case to NHS England.

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 This paper provides an opportunity for the Committee to be engaged in the proposed planning of the branch, and for their views to be passed on to NHS England.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.