



Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title	Update Report: Royal Free Hospital Acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust
Report of	Governance Service
Wards	All
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Enclosures	Appendix A – Update from Royal Free London NHS Trust
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Summary

In July 2012 the Barnet and Chase Farm Board concluded that it was not likely to become a Foundation Trust alone and invited competitive proposals from potential partners to create a larger Foundation Trust. The Royal Free NHS FT was subsequently formally accepted as its preferred partner.

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested to receive an update from the Royal Free London NHS Trust on the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust. In addition to the update provided in Appendix A, representatives from the Royal Free Hospitals NHS Trust will be in attendance on the evening to provide a verbal update to the Committee and to respond to any questions.

Following a request from the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this report focuses on the following aspects of the acquisition:

- A financial update
- The redevelopment of Chase Farm Hospital, including the planning application
- An update on dementia training at the Trust

The Chairman has also requested that representatives from the Trust provide an update in respect of blue badge parking at the Chase Farm Hospital site.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee note the update from the Royal Free London NHS Trust on the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust and ask questions of the representatives of the Trust .**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested to receive an update on from the Royal Free London NHS Trust following the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Receiving this report will provide Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to question senior Officers from the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust on the outcome of the decision of the proposed acquisition.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None in the context of this report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 This report is an update report. It is up to the Committee to determine if they wish to receive any future updates or request any additional information on this matter.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.11 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee must ensure that its work is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 5.12 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.

5.13 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.

5.2 Legal and Constitutional References

5.2.1 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.

5.2.2 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.

5.2.1 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."

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

5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 To not receive this update report would present the Committee with a risk of not being kept abreast of the current status of the acquisition by the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. This could in turn hinder the Committee's ability to conduct effective scrutiny of this service.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.2.1 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 comply with its public sector equality duty as set out in the Equality Act 2010 which is to give due regard to the matters set out in s149:
 - the need to—
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- The relevant protected characteristics are—
- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- sex;
- sexual orientation
- And as public bodies, health partners are also subject to equalities legislation; consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.
- This duty must be borne in mind in considering the Report at Appendix A

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None.