



Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4 July 2016

Title	Finchley Memorial Hospital
Report of	Governance Service
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Update Report from Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England
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Summary

At their meeting on 13 October 2015, the Committee considered a report which provided an update from NHS England and Barnet CCG on the provision of GP Services or a primary care facility at the Finchley Memorial Hospital site.

The report provided the Committee with an update on plans to improve utilisation of the Finchley Memorial Hospital site.

The Committee resolved the request a further update at their meeting in July 2016. The report set out at Appendix A provides this update.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee note the update from Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group, and ask appropriate questions.

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.
- 1.2 The Committee requested a further update from NHS England at their meeting on 20 October 2014. After receiving an update at their October meeting, the Committee resolved to request a further update in March 2015. The report attached Appendix A sets out a joint submission from NHS England and the Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 1.3 The Committee received a further report at their meeting in March 2015 and noted the project was scheduled to develop a series of initial options for review in April 2015, which would then need appraisal and planning in order to work through the commissioning and costing consequences. The Committee were informed at this meeting of the intention to identify agreed options by the summer of 2015, with a view to commencing work on implementing the new models of service. The Committee resolved a subsequent update at their meeting in October 2015, and as a result of their interest in the project, have requested another status update.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 By receiving this update, the Committee will be kept up to date on the site issues which have previously affected GPs moving into the premises, and be kept abreast of the future plans for healthcare at Finchley Memorial Hospital.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

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

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's principles and strategic objectives set out in the Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020.

The strategic objectives set out in the 2015 – 2020 Corporate Plan are: –

The Council, working with local, regional and national partners, will strive to ensure that Barnet is the place:

- Of opportunity, where people can further their quality of life
- Where people are helped to help themselves
- Where responsibility is shared, fairly
- Where services are delivered efficiently to get value for money for the taxpayer

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

5.2.1 There are no financial implications for the council.

5.3 Social Value

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits.

5.4 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."

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 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 Finchley Memorial Hospital.

5.6 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 fulfil its equality duty 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.

5.9.2 The specific duty set out in s149 of the Equality Act is to have due regard to need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

- 5.8.1 None in the context of this report. Upon considering the report, the Committee will determine if they require further information or future updates.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None.