

	<b>Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>4 July 2016</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Healthwatch Barnet</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Healthwatch Barnet
<b>Wards</b>	All
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	Appendix A - End of Life Care in Hospices Appendix B - Maternity Report - Executive Summary Appendix C - Maternity Report
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## Summary

Healthwatch Barnet is the consumer champion for health matters in Barnet.

Healthwatch Barnet has been invited to the meeting in order to provide an update on their work. In particular, they will be providing the Committee with an update on their work in relation to End of Life care in hospices, and in relation to maternity care.

The reports set out at appendices A, B and C have been submitted by Healthwatch Barnet for the Committee to consider in advance of the meeting. Members are asked to consider the reports and ask appropriate questions at the meeting.

## Recommendations

1. That the Committee note the report.

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with the opportunity to be updated on the work of Healthwatch Barnet.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 By receiving this update, the Committee will be kept up to date on the issues surrounding health care in Barnet, as picked up by Healthwatch Barnet.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 None in the context of this report.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 Once the Committee has scrutinised the report, they are able to consider if they would like to make any recommendations to Healthwatch Barnet.

## **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 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)**

- 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. Before commencing a procurement process, commissioners should think about whether the services they are going to buy, or the way they are going to buy them, could secure these benefits for their area or stakeholders.

## 5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 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.

5.4.2 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."*

## 5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 Not receiving this report would present a risk to the Committee in that they would not have the opportunity to scrutinise the provision of primary care facilities within the area.

## 5.6 Equalities and Diversity

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5.6.2 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**

- 5.7.4 NHS England are taking the opportunity to engage with the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee by submitting this report and attending the Committee meeting.

## **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**

- 6.6 None.

