



## Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5 February 2018

<b>Title</b>	Update Report: Healthwatch Barnet
<b>Report of</b>	Healthwatch Barnet
<b>Wards</b>	All
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	Appendix A – Support for Patient Participation Groups in Barnet Appendix B: Mealtime Observational Visits at Royal Free Hospital
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### Summary

At its meeting on 4 December 2017, the Committee heard from Healthwatch Barnet during the consideration of the Children's Dental Health Report. The Committee requested that Healthwatch Barnet attend their next meeting and provide them with an update on the following pieces of work:

- Mealtimes Investigation at the Royal Free Hospital
- Patient Participation Group work.

This update has been provided by Healthwatch Barnet and is attached at Appendix A. Representatives from Healthwatch Barnet will be in attendance on the evening to present the report and respond to any questions from Members.

Healthwatch Barnet also mentioned one further piece of work on Cancer Screening to the Committee which is currently in progress. Healthwatch wish to inform the Committee of the progress to date as below and report in full at a future date.

#### Cancer Screening Update:

A review of cancer screening services will be undertaken by Barnet Mencap, a charity partner to Healthwatch Barnet. Barnet Mencap staff will work with people with learning disabilities to review services, patient experience, accessible information and referral management with a particular focus on breast, cervical and bowel cancers. They will use established and tried and tested evaluation tools for this review. A full report will be produced in late Spring 2018. Healthwatch Barnet and Barnet Mencap would be able to come to Committee at a later date to present the report, which will include any recommendations and a response from providers.

## **Recommendations**

### **1. That the Committee note the report.**

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

The Committee requested an update on the work of Healthwatch Barnet which is relevant to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

#### **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The report provides the Committee with the opportunity to be briefed on this matter.

#### **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 considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

##### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.11 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**

5.3.1 Not applicable.

## **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 (Article 7) 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 There are no risks. Not receiving this report would present a risk in that the Committee might not be properly appraised of the work of Healthwatch Barnet.

## **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 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.

5.6.2 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.*

5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics are – age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation. 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.

**5.7 Consultation and Engagement**

Not applicable.

**5.8 Corporate Parenting:**

Not applicable.

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.