



**Title**  
**Health Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee**

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### **Summary**

This paper provides an update on the delivery of urgent and emergency care services across the Royal Free London (RFL) system from October 2018 to January 2019 and provides details of the key NHS England (NHSE) priorities included in winter preparation.

### **Officers Recommendations**

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

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

- 1.1 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have received previous updates from system partners on reviews that were undertaken after winter 2017/18 to ensure learning was incorporated into winter plans. In summer 2018 the National Director for Urgent and Emergency Care announced further priorities to ensure local systems have sufficient capacity this winter, this report outlines these priorities and the challenges faced by the Royal Free London.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

Not applicable

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 The views of the Committee in relation to this matter will be considered.

## **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 N/A

### **5.3 Social Value**

- 5.3.1 N/A

## 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 identified.

## 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 Corporate Parenting

The corporate parenting principles set out seven principles that local authorities must have regard to when exercising their functions in relation to looked after children and young people, which include:

- to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being, of those children and young people,

- to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners,
- for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work.

## 5.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.8.1 Not applicable

## 5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 N/A

## 6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.