

<u>MEETING</u>
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
THURSDAY 4TH JULY, 2013
AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u>
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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Public Questions and Answers

**Agenda Item 7 (GP Services – Brunswick Park
Medical Centre and Finchley Memorial Hospital)**

From Mr David Howard, Chairman of the Federation of Residents Associations in Barnet

Question

“At a time of national austerity it is a waste of public funds to have NHS clinics and new purpose built GP rooms in Finchley Memorial Hospital empty. The delays on both sites have been ongoing for many months. We do not want a repeat of Vale Drive clinic where the new purpose GP surgery was empty for about three years.

Will the council implement a process whereby the responsible NHS officers are contacted by Barnet officers on a weekly basis to ensure that they are pursuing the matters with the utmost expediency?”

Response

“The Council is similarly frustrated by the delays in ensuring that the GP rooms in Finchley Memorial Hospital are utilised. It is not standard practice for the Council to take on this role of following up on a weekly basis whether another separate public sector body is appropriately discharging its responsibilities. The Scrutiny Committee and Council officers will continue to monitor this situation carefully, and make appropriate representations as required.”

Agenda Item 9 (Transport Services – Finchley Memorial Hospital)

From Mr David Howard, Chairman of the Federation of Residents Associations in Barnet

Question

“The NHS are to be commended on the foresight they showed by building in provision at the new hospital for TfL buses to access and egress the site easily to meet the needs of the elderly, young mothers with pushchairs and all ages suffering from mobility or respiratory ailments attempting to access the hospital by public transport and thus reducing private car use.

The intransigence being showed by TfL is unacceptable as is their failure to engage with the Council and others lobbying for buses to access the site.

1. Will the Council make personal representations to the Mayor to instruct TfL to provide a service without further delay?
2. If this is unsuccessful to ask the three MPs to raise the matter in Parliament to expose the unreasonable uncaring approach of TfL to a reasonable request?
3. Make appropriate representations to the London Assembly investigation into bus services in London?"

Response

"The Council recognises the importance of public transport links to Finchley Memorial Hospital and on this matter, like others will make representations to the Mayor to instruct TfL to provide a service. The pivotal issue from a TfL perspective will be whether the route is economical. However the Council will remind TfL of it's commitment to support equalities and inclusion and the role that public transport plays in opening up opportunities by providing access to education, employment and essential services which Finchley Memorial Hospital is."

Agenda Item 9

NHS England Update – Meeting between NHS England and Barnet Practices on Relocation to Finchley Memorial Hospital

AGENDA ITEM 7

On 19 June, NHS England met with the partners of the Cornwall House Practice and the Squires Lane Practice to discuss their relocation to the Finchley Memorial Hospital (FMH). The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Explain how financial assistance would be provided to the Practices to support their occupancy of FMH;
- Discuss how best to manage and resolve any outstanding issues and concerns about the move and funding;
- Agree a timetable for relocation and
- Discuss how patients should be engaged as part of the relocation process.

The meeting was very constructive and we agreed the following:

- NHS England would provide details of the financial assistance that has been agreed between them and CCG for the Practices;
- The Practices would forward a list of any additional issues relating to the relocation;
- The Practices would undertake an options appraisal of move dates to minimise patient and service disruption
- A Task and Finish Group would be established to manage the move and any new or outstanding issues;
- The Task and Finish Group would also be responsible for developing a long term strategy for the practices following the move; and
- The Task and Finish Group would develop a plan for patient engagement.

We are now in the process of developing the Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Group. This will have representatives from the CCG, NHS Property Services, NHS England and the Practices. To support the Practices in this work NHS England and the CCG have agreed to fund a project manager.

At the meeting, concern was expressed about the need for improved access to the FMH site for a bus service.

Fiona Erne
NHS England (London)
Deputy Head of Primary Care - North Central and East London

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Agenda Item 9 (Transport Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital)

Additional Information – Submission from Transport for London AGENDA ITEM 9

From: Barry John (ST) [mailto:John.Barry@tfl.gov.uk]

Sent: 28 June 2013 18:34

To: Charlwood, Andrew

Cc: Howarth Peter (CORP)

Subject: Re: LB Barnet, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 4 July 2013, Transport Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Charlwood

Paul Blackwell has sent on your recent email - I'm responsible for bus network planning. I'm afraid your request for a representative at the committee has reached us too late and no-one is available. But we'd be very happy of course to arrange another convenient time to meet councillors about the issue.

As you may know we are actively involved in considering healthcare issues in relation to the bus network. For example we participate in the work of the Barnet-Enfield-Haringey Clinical Strategy transport group. You might also know of the new direct bus link into the grounds of Barnet Hospital, where we worked with the council and the hospital authorities on delivery. And of course our wider work to maintain and develop a high-quality, comprehensive, accessible and reliable bus network through regular reviews is also very relevant as it increases general accessibility and connectivity.

All of this involves analysis of competing priorities, including at Finchley Memorial. As you know the design of the new building moved the main entrance further away from the main road and bus stops. In considering how to respond we have to balance the benefits of diverting a route into the site for staff, patients and visitors against the substantial increase in journey time for through passengers.

We also have to look at how it would change the cost of providing the service and the feasibility of running along the roads concerned.

We'd be happy to go through this in more detail, to learn more about concerns and perhaps also to learn about other mitigations you might be considering (eg in respect of walking routes onto the site).

In view of the other issues raised in the paper you sent it could also be useful to discuss wider issues such as the transport costs of location choices and site designs, the available numbers on the number and distribution of journeys affected by healthcare reorganisation and how TfL, the council and the NHS can best work together on priorities in bodies such as the BEH transport group.

I've copied Peter Howarth into the email. Peter is our Borough Engagement Manager for a number of boroughs in north London including Barnet. Part of his role is to advise on contact points within all parts of TfL and, in many instances, he will himself be familiar with particular issues and requirements. Peter attends the regular Public Transport Liaison Meetings organised

by a number of boroughs to help facilitate this and, if that is something that Barnet might consider useful, we'd also be happy to talk with you about how it might work.

I hope that this is of some assistance. I regret that we can't attend, due to the short notice but do let us know if and when councillors would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

John Barry
Head of Network Development
TfL-London Buses

Agenda Item 11 (Maternity Services – Caesarean Births)

AGENDA ITEM 11

Data received from the Royal Free Hospital:

1. In 2012 how many Caesarean operations were performed in:
c) Royal Free Hospital? **889**
2. In 2012 how many of these Caesarean operations were elected by the patient in:
c) Royal Free Hospital? **46**
3. In 2012 how many of these Caesarean operations were recommended by medical staff PRIOR to the patients admittance to give birth at:
c) Royal free Hospital? **401**
4. How many inductions were performed at:
c) Royal Free Hospital? **542**
5. How many of these inductions led to a caesarean operation at:
c) Royal Free Hospital? **160**

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