

	<h2>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</h2> <h3>7 July 2014</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Finchley Memorial Hospital –The Finchley Society Transport Survey</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Governance Service</p>
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<p>Summary</p>
<p>This report provides an update on a survey undertaken by The Finchley Society and the The Friends of Finchley Memorial Hospital in relation to the distance between the Finchley Memorial Hospital and existing bus stops in the area.</p> <p>The Finchley Society along with many others has been concerned that since the rebuilding and relocation of the Finchley Memorial Hospital, the long walk from the existing bus stops to the main entrance has presented particular difficulty, especially to less mobile patients, visitors and staff.</p> <p>The Friends of Finchley Memorial Hospital were given permission by the hospital to undertake a survey to gauge demand for additional on-site transport services and the Finchley Society was asked to assist.</p> <p>Subsequently, on 1st and 2nd April 2014 the Society and the Friends jointly conducted a travel survey in co-operation with the Hospital Management.</p>

Recommendations
1. That the Committee note the survey and make appropriate comments.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has invited representatives from the Finchley Society to present the results of their survey on a possible bus service at Finchley Memorial Hospital.
- 1.2 It is not currently known when GPs will be moving into the Finchley Memorial site. The Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has requested an NHS England update on future dates and the progress of any negotiations.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has invited The Finchley Society to present the results of a transport survey carried out at the Finchley Memorial Hospital on 1st and 2nd April 2014

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 This is an update report. The Committee are asked to consider the presentation made by The Finchley Society and consider if it wishes to receive future reports, or additional information.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.11 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee must ensure that its work is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 5.12 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are: –
- Promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough;
 - Support families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and well-being; and

- Improve the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study.

5.3 The work of the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the delivery of the following outcomes identified in the Corporate Plan:

- To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health; and
- To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.

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

None in the context of the report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.2.1 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.

5.2.2 Health and Social Care Act 2012, Section 12 – introduces section 2B to the NHS Act 2006 which imposes a new target duty on the local authority to take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of people in its area.

5.3.1 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.”

“To make reports and recommendations to Council, Health and Well Being Board, the Secretary of State for Health and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.”

“To scrutinise and review promotion of effective partnerships between health and social care, and other health partnerships in the public, private and voluntary sectors.”

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.
- The Council is required to give due regard to its public sector equality duties as set out in the Equality Act 2010 and as public bodies, health partners are also subject to equalities legislation; consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.2 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 9 May 2013, Decision Item 12, Any Other Items the Chairman Decides are Urgent (Members' Item) – the Committee considered a Members' Item from Councillor Geof Cooke in relation to bus services at Finchley Memorial Hospital. In presenting the item, Councillor Cooke requested an update on discussions between the relevant NHS body and Transport for London (TfL) regarding the need for a bus service calling at Finchley Memorial Hospital in view of the distance from existing stops, including the distance from the entrance in Granville Road to the hospital building. In particular, he requested that consideration be given to providing a service by a small hopper type bus similar to that operating elsewhere in the borough.

6.3 Councillor Cooke also requested an update on any previous consideration by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on bus services in the context of reorganisation of health services between Barnet Hospital and Chase Farm Hospital, in particular the complete lack of any direct TfL service from any part of Barnet to Chase Farm.

6.4 The Committee resolved to receive a full report at the next meeting of the Committee on 4 July 2013 to include an update on any discussions between the GLA Member for Barnet and Camden (Andrew Dismore AM) and Transport for London on this issue.

- 6.1 A minute extract from the meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2014 notes the following:

Agenda Item 7: SITE ISSUES AT FINCHLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Committee welcomed Dean Patterson, Head of Property and Facilities Management at Community Health Partnerships for the item. At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Kate Salinger, who had brought a Members' Item to the Committee in December 2013 on these issues, advised the Committee that she was pleased that the benches had been reinstated on a trial basis.

In relation to the public transport issue, Mr Patterson advised the Committee that he had been in attendance at meetings where the FMH bus service issue had been discussed. He advised the Committee that as the head leaseholder, he would commission a survey into this issue to gauge demand and then report the findings back to his peers at the Lift Co. It was noted that Transport for London (TfL) had made it clear that they were not prepared to divert any existing routes on to the site on the basis of cost. A Member commented that this was a TfL issue and not an estates issue. It was highlighted that NHS premises should be served by public transport and a collective solution was required. In relation to the comment made by Community Health Partnerships in their written submission that FMH has never been served by a bus, a Member highlighted that the new hospital was much larger now than prior to the redevelopment.

- 6.5 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 December 2012, Decision Item 6, Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust – Maternity and Accident & Emergency Services Update – as part a report on the above item, the Committee received details from Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust on travel between the Barnet and Chase Farm hospital sites.
- 6.6 North Central London Sector Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 27 February 2012, Decision Item 6, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy – during discussion on this item, the Committee made the following comment:

“The need to address public transport when considering major service change was raised. It was the view of the Chair that there had been an inability on the part of TfL to engage effectively with the change programme. It was noted that the process for making transport link changes, even to move a bus stop, could never meet the pace of change required, even when TfL could see the need.”