

	<p>Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>30 March 2015</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>East Barnet Health Centre</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Governance Service</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
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<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A - Joint Submission from NHS Property Services and NHS England</p>
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Summary
<p>On 9 February 2015, the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a Member’s Item in the name of Councillor Amy Trevethan, which requested:</p> <p><i>That the Committee be provided with an update on what is happening with the East Barnet Health Centre which is still closed and boarded up almost 5 months after it was supposed to re-open following asbestos removal works. In particular could the committee be told:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>When will the health centre be re-opened?</i> • <i>Why has work on the asbestos caused damage to the building and will whoever carried out the work be penalised?</i> • <i>Who owns the freehold land of this site and what role do they have in this process?</i> • <i>Who will carry out the assessment of the different options set out in the statement from NHS Property Services (see below)?</i> • <i>If there is to be ‘total refurbishment’ or ‘a brand new building’ how long will that take and what happens to patients who use the health centre in the meantime?</i> • <i>Why has there apparently been no work taking place on the site for months, according to local residents?</i> • <i>Can categorical assurance be given that this estate will not be placed on the market for sale, and not be used for any other purpose than as a health centre?</i>

Following the consideration of the Members item, the Committee's instructions in relation to this item were as follows:

1. The Committee asks that NHS England is contacted as a matter of urgency to examine the current problems about patients using Vale Drive during the refurbishment work and to examine local alternatives in the immediate vicinity of East Barnet Health Centre as facilities to be used in the interim.
2. For the Committee to receive a further update on the telephone communication and BT systems issue
3. For NHS Property Services to provide an update on outstanding problems with current facilities

The report attached at Appendix A is a joint report that has been submitted by NHS Property Services and NHS England, in response to the request made by the Committee. Officers from both organisations have been invited to Committee to attend on the evening.

Recommendations

That the Committee consider the report attached at Appendix A and make appropriate comments and questions.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 At their meeting on 9 February 2015, the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a Member's Item in the name of Councillor Amy Trevethan, in relation to the East Barnet Health Centre. The Committee considered the Member's Item, and resolved to request further information, which is set out in the appendices of this report.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The report provides the Committee with the opportunity to formally put on record their views on the proposed closure, which will be considered by NHS England.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Following the consideration of the report, the Committee are able to determine if they wish to conduct any further scrutiny on the matter.

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 priorities.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**
- 5.6 None in the context of this report.

5.7 Legal and Constitutional References

5.71 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.

- 5.7.11 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."

5.8 Risk Management

- 5.8.1 Not receiving this report would present a risk to the Committee in that they would not be kept up to date on issues surrounding the East Barnet Health Centre.

5.9 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.9.1 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 have due regard to the equality duties 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. 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.

5.9.2 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.

5.10 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.10.1 This paper provides an opportunity for the Committee to engagement with the relevant NHS bodies on a health related matter which is relevant to the people of Barnet.

6 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.