

	<p>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>30 March 2015</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Member’s Item – Cricklewood Walk In Centre</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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Summary
<p>The report informs the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of a Member’s Item and requests instructions from the Committee.</p>

Recommendations
<p>1. That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s instructions in relation to this Member’s item are requested.</p>

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 Councillor Barry Rawlings has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

1.2 *Cricklewood Walk-in Centre:*

I ask that HOSC lobby the CCG to extend the contract for the Cricklewood GP Health Centre at Britannia Business Village NW2 for two years.

The Health Centre has a GP surgery serving 1,200 residents and a walk-in facility that is open 8.00am-20.00pm and receives 20,000 visits a year, and 57% of patients surveyed said they used the Cricklewood walk-in centre because they couldn't get an appointment with their GP.

Closing the centre without addressing the shortage of GPs in the area will result in additional pressure on A&E departments in the borough – this was corroborated by representatives of Barndoc – the face-to-face out of hours GP service – who also said at the last meeting that most patients would end up going to A&E as it was so difficult to get GP appointments.

I ask that HOSC agree with [Dr Debbie Frost, Chair of Barnet CCG], that the Cricklewood Walk-In Centre, in common with other Walk-in Centres plays a role in reducing pressure on A & E departments.

It makes little sense in closing the Walk-In Centre before the new OOH services are fully embedded given that the Walk-In centre is open 12 hours, per day, 7 days per week including bank holidays.

This also plays an important part in reducing use of A & E and closure could increase use and thereby affect the payment by results we receive as part of the Better Care Fund.

I ask that HOSC also recognises that the centre provides a vital service to a deprived part of the Borough with a highly mobile population in an area already 'under doctored' , and that its closure may have an adverse impact on health targets such as childhood immunisation.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

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

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's (Constitution Meeting Procedure Rules, Section 6) illustrates that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.3.2 Clinical Commissioning Groups are required following the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act (2012) to provide primary medical services.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Member's Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications. Member's Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications. In considering the issue itself and deciding whether to provide any instructions members are required by s149 of the Equality Act to have due regard to:

6. The Council is required to comply with its public sector equality duty as set out in the Equality Act 2010 which is to give due regard to the matters set out in s149:

the need to—

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are—

age;
disability;
gender reassignment;
pregnancy and maternity;
race;
religion or belief;
sex;
sexual orientation

6.1 Consultation and Engagement

6.1.1 None in the context of this report.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Email to Governance Team Leader, dated 11 March 2015.