

	<p>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>6 July 2015</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Title</p>	<p>Royal Free Hospital Acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Report of</p>	<p>Governance Service</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A – Update from Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust</p>
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<p>Summary</p>
<p>In July 2012 the Barnet and Chase Farm Board concluded that it was not likely to become a Foundation Trust alone and invited competitive proposals from potential partners to create a larger Foundation Trust. The Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust was subsequently formally accepted as its preferred partner.</p>
<p>The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested to receive an update from the Royal Free London NHS Trust on the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust. In addition to the update provided in Appendix A, representatives from the Royal Free Hospitals NHS Trust will be in attendance on the evening to provide a verbal update to the Committee and to respond to any questions.</p>
<p>Following a request from the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this report provides:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general update on the progress of the acquisition, to include matters that the Trust feel the Committee should be informed of, which includes the Chase Farm Hospital redevelopment. • An update on Winter Pressures to covering A&E targets and waiting times for ambulances at the Royal Free & Barnet Hospital. • An update on delayed transfer of care.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee note the update from the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust on the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust and ask questions of the representatives of the Trust.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested to receive an update on from the Royal Free London NHS Trust following the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust in July of last year

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Receiving this report will provide Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with updated information following the acquisition of the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust and an opportunity to question senior Officers from the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust on the outcome of the decision of the acquisition.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None in the context of this report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 This report is an update report. It is up to the Committee to determine if they wish to receive any future updates or request any additional information on this matter.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 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.

- 5.1.2 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 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.

5.2.1 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.”

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

5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 To not receive this update report would present the Committee with a risk of not being kept abreast of the current status of the acquisition by the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. This could in turn hinder the Committee's ability to conduct effective scrutiny of this service.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.2.1 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 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
- And as public bodies, health partners are also subject to equalities legislation; consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.
- This duty must be borne in mind in considering the Report at Appendix A

5.6 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.