

	<p><b>Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p><b>6 July 2015</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>East Barnet Health Centre</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Governance Service</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>Appendix A - Joint Submission from NHS Property Services and NHS England</p>
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<p><b>Summary</b></p>
<p>On 9 February 2015, the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a Member's Item in the name of Councillor Amy Trevethan on the issue of the East Barnet Health Centre.</p> <p>Following the consideration of the Members item, the Committee's instructions in relation to this item were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. For the Committee to receive a further update on the telephone communication and BT systems issue</li> <li>3. For NHS Property Services to provide an update on outstanding problems with current facilities</li> </ol> <p>At their meeting on 30 March 2014, the Committee considered a joint report that has been submitted by NHS Property Services and NHS England. Officers from both organisations were invited to Committee to attend on the evening, however, both organisations felt that due to Purdah, they were unable to send Officers to present their reports. The report was considered in the absence of representatives from both NHS Property Services and NHS England.</p>

At the meeting on 30 March 2015, the Committee resolved to request that that NHS England and NHS Property Services attend the meeting of the Committee in July 2015 to provide an additional update. The report attached at Appendix A provides the Committee with this update.

Representatives from both NHS Property Services and NHS England have been invited to attend the meeting on the evening to respond to questions from Members.

### **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. The Committee received an update at their meeting on 30 March 2015, and subsequently requested to be provided with a further update at their July meeting.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The report provides the Committee with the opportunity to be updated on the status of issues surrounding the East Barnet Health Centre and ask questions of Officers from NHS England and NHS Property Services.

## **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**

- 5.1.1 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

#### **5.4 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.5 None in the context of this report. This report seeks an update on a matter from NHS England and NHS Property Services.

#### **5.6 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**

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5.9.2 The specific duty set out in s149 of the Equality Act is to have due regard to need to:

*Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*

*Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*

*Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

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## **5.10 Consultation and Engagement**

5.10.4 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.