

Appendix A – Submission from the Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group

Future arrangements for the Walk-in service at Cricklewood Health Centre

At the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 February 2015, Barnet CCG outlined plans to undertake a period of engagement regarding the future of services at Cricklewood Health Centre.

Barnet CCG has now reconsidered the case for change regarding the walk-in service at Cricklewood, and has decided not to proceed at this time, with plans to consult on the possible closure of this service. The main reasons for this decision are:

- the pending national directive to implement the delivery of integrated urgent care services and the development of urgent and emergency care networks across North Central London
- the CCG is undertaking a review of urgent care services including walk-in service provision, with a review to agreeing its long term urgent care strategy
- the CCG was not successful in securing funding from the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund to support the development of primary care 8am-8pm opening, 7 days a week, so has still to agree its long term strategy for Primary Care.

NHS England has recently agreed a new Contract with Barndoc Health Ltd which allows the GP practice to register patients from outside the Borough of Barnet; under the terms of the old contract, the practice could only register Barnet residents. The CCG considers this change will have an impact on the use of the walk-in service, as well as alleviate some pressure on other local GP practices.

Barnet CCG is committed to developing the best possible services for its residents and has already started engaging with patients and stakeholders regarding the delivery of urgent and primary care services to help inform and shape our future commissioning plans. The current contract for the provision of the Walk-in-service expires on 31 December 2015, the CCG will therefore be deciding within the next three months the future commissioning arrangements of the service from 1 January 2016, taking into account local and national requirements for the delivery of urgent care services. The CCG will update the HOSC on progress at a future meeting.