

	Health and Wellbeing Board 30 July 2015
Title	Healthwatch Barnet Update report and Autism Services report.
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Wards	All
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Summary

This paper provides the Board with Healthwatch Barnet's Draft Report for Year 2 and a summary of research and engagement carried out by Barnet Mind, Jewish Care, Advocacy in Barnet and Healthwatch Barnet.

Recommendations

1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes this update report and the reports of Healthwatch and partner organisations and provides comments on their content.
2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers and comments on the recommendations contained within the specific reports (Appendix 1 – 2).

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The report (appendix 1) provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with a summary of Healthwatch Barnet activity for Year 2, and shows how it is meeting its contractual targets. It also includes a report on Autism in Barnet and a report on Dental Services in Barnet.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Healthwatch Barnet welcomes any comments from the Board.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 N/A

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Through its representation on statutory bodies and its ongoing relationship with health and social care fora and residents, Healthwatch Barnet will contribute to the development and delivery of the Health and Well-Being Strategy and other relevant strategies and initiatives.

- 5.1.2 The update report aligns with the strategies and commissioning intentions of partner organisations in particular the 2012-15 Health and Wellbeing Strategy's twin overarching aims (Keeping Well; and Keeping Independent); the Barnet Council Corporate Plan, the Barnet Core Strategy; Barnet Housing strategy 2015-25; the Growth and Regeneration Programme and Barnet CCG's strategic plans.

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

- 5.2.1 The Healthwatch Contract was awarded by Cabinet Resources Committee on 25 February 2013 to CommUNITY Barnet. The Healthwatch contract value is £197,361 per annum. The contract commenced on 1 April 2013 and expires on 31 March 2016; the contract sum received is £592,083. The contract provides for a further extension of up to two years which, if implemented, would give a total contract value of £986,805.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Section 182 to 184 of the Health and Social Care Act, 2012, in amending the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and regulations subsequently issued under these sections, govern the establishment of Healthwatch, its functions and the responsibility of local authorities to commission a local Healthwatch.

- 5.3.2 The Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in the Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Functions, Annex A), The Health and Wellbeing Board is required:

(1) To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and apply the findings of a Barnet joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) to all relevant strategies and policies.

(5) To receive assurance from all relevant commissioners and providers on matters relating to the quality and safety of services for users and patients

(6) To directly address health inequalities through its strategies and have a specific responsibility for regeneration and development as they relate to health and care. To champion the commissioning of services and activities across the range of responsibilities of all partners in order to achieve this.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 A risk register was submitted as part of the tender documents and issues are identified through Healthwatch Barnet's monthly workplan reviews.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 One of the core aims of Healthwatch Barnet is to ensure the views and experiences are heard and represented of those group with protected characteristics under the Equality Act, and with under-represented communities and individuals. Healthwatch Barnet runs targeted activities with people from protected groups (as defined in the Equality Act 2010) and its work is further enriched by our developing engagement programme with children and young people and older adults.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 Healthwatch Barnet has distributed its Communications Strategy, which is also publicly available on the Healthwatch Barnet website.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1.1 Healthwatch Update Report, Health and Wellbeing Board 29 January 2015, item 11:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=7784&Ver=4>

6.1.2 Annual Report from Healthwatch Barnet, Health and Wellbeing Board 12 June 2014, item 12:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=7784&Ver=4>