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Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	16 May 2012
<b>Subject</b>	<b>London Trauma Services</b>
Report of	Scrutiny Office
Summary	The appendices to this report presents the committee with an update on London Trauma Services including data analysis for incidents that trigger the London major trauma decision tree, and the London Trauma Office Annual Report 2010/11.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Key Decision	N/A
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	N/A
Function of	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – London Ambulance Service Trauma Information Appendix 2 – London Trauma Office Annual Report 2010/11
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## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 **The committee discuss and note the information presented in relation to Trauma Services as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.**

## **2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

- 2.1 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 21 February 2011, Agenda Item 6 – Stroke and Trauma.

## **3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2012/13 Corporate Plan are: -
- Better services with less money
  - Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities
  - A successful London suburb

## **4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 None in the context of this report.

## **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision-making in the council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must have due regard to the equality duties when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

## **6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 6.1 None in the context of this report.

## **7. LEGAL ISSUES**

7.1 None in the context of this report.

## **8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)**

8.1 The scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution). The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has within its terms of reference responsibility:

(i) 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.

(ii) To make reports and recommendations to the Executive and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.

(iii) To invite executive officers and other relevant personnel of the Barnet Primary Care Trust, Barnet GP Commissioning Consortium, Barnet Health and Wellbeing Board and/or other health bodies to attend meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.

## **9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

9.1 The Committee received a presentation from the Director of the London Trauma Office on the work of the four Trauma networks following its launch in April 2010. Members were informed that since April 2010 these networks had saved an additional 37 lives.

9.2 The Committee were provided with data relating specifically to Barnet, which showed that between May – August 2010 thirty four patients triggered the decision tree used to identify patients that may benefit from conveyance to a specialist major trauma centre. The Committee were informed that 97 per cent of Barnet patients were correctly conveyed to the appropriate clinical unit. Members sought further information on triage for head injuries and the frequency this occurred. The committee were informed that the trauma service deals with a number of head injuries although very few are transferred to specialist units. The Trauma Service is Consultant led and has in place a number of processes to assess a patient's condition. The committee requested that an update be provided by the London Trauma service at a future meeting.

## **10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None

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<b>Cleared by Legal (Officer's initials)</b>	<b>NB</b>

