



## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 July 2020

<b>Title</b>	<b>Member's Item</b>
<b>Report of</b>	<b>Chairman, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Wards</b>	<b>All</b>
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<b>Urgent</b>	<b>No</b>
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### Summary

A Member's Item was received in the name of Cllr Alison Moore.

### Officers Recommendations

1. That a Member's Item in the name of Councillor Alison Moore be noted.
2. That the HOSC provides instructions to officers.

#### 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Cllr Alison Moore has requested a Member's Item on the following matter:

## **Mental Health provision during the pandemic.**

In light of concerns raised by residents with a range of councillors, this Member's Item seeks an update on what support has been available during the Covid 19 lockdown for those in Barnet with mental health issues, particularly where these are potentially exacerbated by the crisis, and the number of cases that have arisen in Barnet.

It also seeks to understand how effectively local health providers and the council been able to support those with mental health issues within the community during the Covid-19 lockdown period and how well have they been able to work with Barnet Homes and local RSLs, as well as Mind and other community organisations, to resolve the situation where cases involve noise nuisance, disturbance and tenancy problems.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That a Member's Item in the name of Cllr Alison Moore be noted.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

3.1 Not Applicable.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

4.1 The views of the Committee in relation to this matter will be considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

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.

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

5.1.1 In Barnet's Wellbeing strategy 2015-2020 included in Barnet's vision is the following:

- Preparing for a healthy life

- Wellbeing in the community

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

5.2.1 There are no financial implications for the Council.

## 5.3 **Social Value**

5.3.1 Not Applicable.

## 5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 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.

5.4.2 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.”*

## 5.5 **Risk Management**

5.5.1 There are no risks.

## 5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 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 fulfil its equality duty 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.

5.6.2 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.*

5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics are – age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation. 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.

## 5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 None.

## 5.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

None

## 5.9 **Insight**

None

## 6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None