

Meeting Health Overview and Scrutiny

Committee

Date 11 December 2012

Subject Service Provision Reports from

**Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust** 

Report of Overview and Scrutiny Office

Summary The attached reports from Barnet and Chase Farm

NHS Trust provides data relating to health service

provision at the Trust pertaining to:Accident & Emergency Services

Maternity Services

• Shuttle Bus Timetabling

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Status (public or exempt) Public

Wards Affected All

Key Decision No

Reason for urgency /

exemption from call-in

Information:

Function of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Enclosures Appendix A – Accident & Emergency Attendance

Data 2011/12

Appendix B – Number of Maternal and Baby Deaths

at Barnet and Chase Farm Hospital

Since 2010

Appendix C – Shuttle Bus Timetable

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N/A

### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Committee note the information provided by Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust and make comment and recommendations as appropriate.

#### 2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2.1 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12th September 2012 (Decision item 6a & 6b) – service provision and Implementation Updates from Health Partners.

#### 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees/Sub-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
- 3.3 The work of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the Corporate Plan 2012/13 objective of supporting residents to live healthy and independent lives through it's role as a "critical Friend" reviewing the provision of health and social care services by the council and health partners as they seek to deliver the Health and Well-being Strategy, promoting prevention and the integrated commissioning of services.

#### 4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None in the context of this report.

#### 5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 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 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.
- 5.2 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.

- 6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)
- 6.1 None in the context of this report. The appendices to this report are produced by Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust and set out service provision in relation to that organisation.

#### 7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012, Part 5, Chapter Two makes amendments to the NHS Act 2006. It includes an amendment concerning the power to make regulations on review and scrutiny of health by local authority overview and scrutiny committees. The amendments enable those regulations to authorise the local authority to arrange for an overview and scrutiny committee to discharge its health scrutiny functions. The health scrutiny functions may involve making reports and recommendations to relevant NHS bodies or relevant health service provider, Secretary of State or the regulator.

# 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 At the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the Committee considered a series of service provision updates from NHS partners. Following this discussion which considered issues relating to transport elements of the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy, proposals for the future provision of Urgent Care services, and Maternity Services at Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals the Committee requested details of the number of maternity services diverts between

2009 and 2012, details of the shuttle bus timetable between Barnet and Chase Farm Hospital sites and details of Accident & Emergency Waiting times at the hospitals including details of the number of patients attending who were registered with GPs.

## 10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

## 10.1 None.

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