
Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	12 February 2013
Subject	Central London Community Healthcare (CLCH) NHS Trust Foundation Trust Application – Stakeholder Engagement
Report of Summary	Overview and Scrutiny Office The CLCH are planning to refresh their public consultation regarding their Foundation Trust application between February 8 – March 22, 2013. As part of this consultation process they have requested to attend the HOSC meeting of the 12 th February to update the committee.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Key Decision	No
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	N/A
Function of	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enclosures	None
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Committee note the information provided by health partners.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 None.

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 its 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 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.
 - The Council is required to give due regard to its public sector equality duties as set out in the Equality Act 2010 and as public bodies, health partners are also subject to equalities legislation; 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. The update to be provided relates to the CLCH stakeholder engagement process in relation to that organisations application to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

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 The CLCH are planning to refresh their public consultation regarding their foundation trust application between February 8 – March 22, 2013 (reasons given below). As part of this consultation process they have requested to attend the HOSC meeting of the 12th February.

9.2 Reasons Public Consultation Refresh

- A review of the CLCH proposed constitution has identified a more practical proposal to ensure they are able to properly represent their patients and communities within the formal make up of their Council of Governors. They need to go out and test this proposal with relevant stakeholders.

- Within the Foundation Trust process, best practice states that if NHS trusts have not achieved Foundation Trust authorisation within a year of conducting their initial public consultation, then they need to refresh this consultation to ensure that it has a more up to date picture of the views of stakeholders (first consultation was held between 8 May and 31 July 2012).

The CLCH have been advised by their legal advisors that this period of further engagement does not need to be a full three month formal public consultation process. Therefore, they plan to run an engagement exercise for six weeks from February 8 – March 22, 2013.

9.3 Who is most affected by the proposed changes

CLCH strategic plans will impact on all their services. The proposed changes to their constitution will mainly impact on their public/patient constituencies. All their stakeholders would be affected to some extent and therefore they need to ensure they have sought to engage with all of them. The CLCH aim is therefore to revisit all the stakeholder groups they contacted during their original consultation. Broadly speaking this includes:

- Members of the public
- Patients and patient groups
- Community groups
- LINKs
- Council of Volunteers and other relevant charitable organisations
- Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- MPs
- Clinical Commissioning Groups and other commissioners
- Representatives of CLCH partners e.g. CEOs of acute and mental health trusts and local authority directors of adult social care.

9.4 Proposed approach to engagement activity

Given the range of stakeholders CLCH need to engage with they propose to replicate most of the activity undertaken in the original consultation, taking into account the lessons learned:

- Creation of an engagement document available in pdf, hard copy and alternative formats
- Distribution of the engagement document via letter to all key stakeholders with an offer to meet to discuss further
- Distribution of the engagement document via key touch points such as CLCH health centres and local libraries (supported by promotional posters)
- Website content and online form
- Press release to local media
- Social media campaign
- Attendance at major community events
- Attend community group meetings as invited
- Promotion to staff via Your Trust News, News of the Day and managers briefing.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

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