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Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	12 February 2013
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy – Ambulance Services</b>
Report of	Overview and Scrutiny Office
Summary	The HOSC will receive an update from the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey (BEH) Clinical Strategy Programme Director providing details of the incorporation of ambulance services into the planning and implementation of the BEH Clinical Strategy

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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 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 December 2012 – Agenda Item 16 – Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust – Maternity and Accident and Emergency Services Update

## **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 BEH Clinical Strategy as being implemented by NHS North Central London.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 the Committee received a verbal update on the implementation of the BEH Clinical Strategy from Siobhan Harington (BEH Clinical Strategy Programme Director NHS North Central London). Following this discussion the committee resolved that they would like to be updated on the integration of ambulance services into the planning and implementation of the clinical strategy in light of the changes to accident and emergency services at Barnet and Chase Farm hospitals.

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

- 10.1 None.

**Finance: MC**