

Meeting Health Overview and Scrutiny

Committee

12 February 2013 Date

Barnet CCG - Status Update Subject

Report of Overview and Scrutiny Office

The HOSC will receive a verbal update from the Summary

Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group setting out their

progression towards formal authorisation.

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Status (public or exempt) **Public**

Wards Affected ΑII **Key Decision** No

Reason for urgency /

exemption from call-in

Function of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

N/A

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 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 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.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012, Part 5, Chapter Two makes amendments to the NHS Act 2006 and the Government is reviewing the need for consequential amendments with regard to scrutiny functions. Amongst other things, the amendments concern the power to make regulations on review and scrutiny of health by local authority overview and scrutiny committees. The amendments enable those regulations to authorize 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 11th December 2012 the Committee requested that Barnet CCG attend the next meeting of the Committee to provide an update on their progress towards formal authorisation.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

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