

Appendix A

Task and Finish Group Updates

1. Elective Home Education (EHE) Task and Finish Group

Membership: Cllr Wakeley (Chair) , Cllr Hutton, Cllr J. Conway, Cllr Radford, Nigel Wildish co-opted member, Raisel Freedman, co-opted member

The Task and Finish Group held a meeting on 20th September to agree the programme of work, and now have a schedule of activity for October and November. This is as follows:

- On the 23rd October a meeting was held with Barnet Parent Carers Forum who raised concerns parents opting for home education out of necessity rather than choice. Their children were facing challenges due to issues including special educational needs and disability and emotionally based school avoidance.
- 31st October – meeting with Professor Daniel Monk, Birkbeck university, expert, lecturer and trainer on elective home education matters.
- Meeting with EHE team and SEND team in mid-November.
- 20th November meeting with Chair of Association of Elective Home Education Professionals.
- London Councils has also agreed to meeting with the task and finish group.
- The T&F Group with support from the EHE Team has also developed a questionnaire to be sent to EHE families asking them about their experiences. This is still being finalised and will be circulated shortly.
- The T&F Group will also meet with EHE families and secondary head teachers. The dates for these sessions are still to be arranged.

The review is due to conclude at the end of the calendar year.

2. Barnet Highway Network Task and Finish Group

Membership: Cllr David Longstaff (Chair) Cllr Arjun Mittra, Cllr Claire Farrier, Cllr Dean Cohen, Cllr Liron Woodcock-Velleman, Cllr Peter Zinkin,

On the 20th September the Task and Finish Group met with the Cllr Schneiderman, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change who was invited to set out his vision for Barnet Road Network. Following the discussion; the Task and Finish Group

has decided to focus on the following areas:

- Improving communication with residents and councillors about planned and emergency maintenance work.
- Responding to climate change, including reviewing new materials for use in repairing roads
- Future funding plans will be considered during the budget scrutiny process.

The Task and Finish and will hold themed meetings to consider these issues. The sessions will include representation from Industry experts and Highways professional bodies.

The Task and Finish Group will be invited to a site visit to review new technology in mid-November. Further site visits to review good practice at other local authorities will also take place.

Meetings will be held in November, December and January. This review is set to conclude by the end of the municipal year.

3. Primary Care (GP) Access Task and Finish Group

Membership: Cllr Caroline Stock (Chair), Cllr Elliott Simberg, Cllr Matthew Perlberg, Cllr Richard Barnes, Cllr Gill Sargeant, Cllr Nick Mearing-Smith

The Task and Finish Group held its second meeting on 19th October. Since the first meeting a background report was written which contained evidence from the council, ICB and Barnet Healthwatch and described the population, context and primary care landscape in Barnet.

The Chair of the PCN 2 Patient Participation group, Malcolm Cohen, Dr Nick Dattani, Millway Medical Practice, Colette Wood, Director of Integration NCL ICB and Sarah Campbell, Manager Barnet Healthwatch attended to address the group, provide clarification on the structures and pressures on the system, provided evidence and responded to questions from the Group. More detailed discussions were held on the issues raised at the first meeting in July, resulting in a set of recommendations and actions:

- Learn from the best Practices in Barnet and beyond, to ensure the best models are in place for Barnet and recommendations are made to support Primary Care so that it can deliver a good and consistent service across the borough. This work will also be in line with the NHS National Access Improvement Plan¹ (triage, cloud-based telephony, enhanced appointments and more).
- A commitment to closer examination of the funding for Barnet given its older population relative to other Boroughs, and its large number of care homes and importer of residents to care homes from other boroughs, causing strain on Primary Care in Barnet. Ensure Barnet gets a fair deal. The ICB was asked to provide more detailed information on funding for Primary Care in Barnet for the next meeting on 20th November and there was an acknowledgement from the ICB that an outdated funding formula is used and that levelling up across NCL may be needed.
- Communicating with the population what Barnet has to offer - on the essential changes to Primary Care, current challenges and how these are being addressed (eg

recruitment of Allied Health Professionals, introduction of Frailty Multidisciplinary Team in Barnet).

- Use communication via the council and ICB to empower residents to understand the changes in Primary Care, and supporting them with access. Work with the ICB which recognises this piece of work is needed given the fast-paced changes over the past three years. Potential to work with others such as Age UK to support residents.

Future meetings:

20 November, 7pm

10 December, 7pm

ⁱ [Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk)