

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 Elective Home Education (EHE) Task and Finish Group has gathered evidence from council officers, an academic expert, a local organisation and professionals in the field. A survey of the Barnet EHE community was undertaken and received 49 responses. A draft report with recommendations has been completed and the full findings of this review will be reported to Children and Education Sub-Committee shortly.

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,

The Task and Finish Group is focused 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 Group has considered sustainable materials for the road network and met with the following witnesses:

- Chief Executive, Local Council Roads Innovation Group (LCRIG)
- Chief Executive of the Road Surface Treatment Association (RSTA)
- Head of Road Network Statistics- Department for Transport
- Head of Environment & Sustainability, Kier
- Technical Product Manager, Tarmac

As a next step, the task and finish group will meet with the London Borough of Redbridge to discuss their pilot work on an innovative approach on pothole repair within two minutes. A meeting to consider communication with councillors and residents will take place shortly.

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 has held five meetings between July 2023 and February 2024, gathering evidence from the ICB, Barnet Healthwatch, the Barnet Patient Participation Network, GP Practices in Barnet, PCN clinical directors, community groups and the voluntary and faith sector.

Clarification has been provided on the structures and pressures on the system and detailed question and answer sessions held at GP site visits. The recommendations are:

- Improving communication for all residents on the changes in Primary Care, bearing in mind particular problems of groups who may be digitally excluded
- Learning from the best Practices in Barnet and following up on progress of the ICB which will be working to meet the requirements of the NHS National Access Improvement Planⁱ (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. There was an acknowledgement from the ICB that an outdated funding formula is used and that levelling up across NCL may be needed.
- A recommendation that dates for different improvements and final implementation will be requested the ICB and that the Group is kept updated if deadlines are not met. The ICB noted that access is the single most important thing the Primary Care Team is focused on at present, with a view to all Barnet Practices having a full telephony service by March 2024. The Group should follow up to check the upgrading to iCloud telephony is completed within the deadline.

The report will be shared with the Adults & Health OSC at its meeting on 6th March 2024.

4. Discharge to Assess Task and Finish Group

Members: Cllr Phillip Cohen, Cllr Tony Vourou, Cllr Gill Sargeant.

The first meeting was held on 1st February with NHS and LBB senior system leaders, and a second meeting was held on 8th February with presentations from the British Red Cross and Barnet Healthwatch.

Further meetings are being planned with Barnet Hospital to discuss hospital discharge coordination, and the Group plans to also speak to patients/carers on their experiences during March and April 2024.

5. Youth Homelessness

Membership: Cllr Khalick, Cllr McGuirk, Cllr L Gurang, Cllr Grocock

This Task and Finish Group has had its first meeting on 19th February where Cllr Khalick was elected Chair. The approach and the initial scope have been agreed: *What are the different avenues that Barnet can take to ensure that young people are supported prior to reaching crisis point (presenting as homeless) and refrain from seeing a problem of youth homelessness in the borough.*

This Task and Finish Group will hold between 3-4 meetings gathering evidence and considering recommendations before writing the final report and recommendations ready for the Children and Education Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee in June 2024.

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