
Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	4 July 2013
Subject	Transport Services – Finchley Memorial Hospital
Report of Summary	Scrutiny Office <p>On 9 May 2013 the Committee considered a Members' Item from Councillor Geof Cooke on Transport Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital. The Committee resolved to receive a full report on 4 July 2013 to include an update on any discussions between the GLA Member for Barnet and Camden (Andrew Dismore AM) and Transport for London on this issue.</p>

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	Woodhouse
Key Decision	N/A
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 consider the information on Transport Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital as set out in the report and make appropriate comments and/or recommendations.
- 1.2 That the Committee consider whether they wish to make a submission to the Greater London Assembly investigation into bus services in London, as set out in section 9.3 and Appendix C.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 9 May 2013, Decision Item 12, Any Other Items the Chairman Decides are Urgent (Members' Item) – the Committee considered a Members' Item from Councillor Geof Cooke in relation to bus services at Finchley Memorial Hospital. In presenting the item, Councillor Cooke requested an update on discussions between the relevant NHS body and Transport for London (TfL) regarding the need for a bus service calling at Finchley Memorial Hospital in view of the distance from existing stops, including the distance from the entrance in Granville Road to the hospital building. In particular, he requested that consideration be given to providing a service by a small hopper type bus similar to that operating elsewhere in the borough.

Councillor Cooke also requested an update on any previous consideration by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on bus services in the context of reorganisation of health services between Barnet Hospital and Chase Farm Hospital, in particular the complete lack of any direct TfL service from any part of Barnet to Chase Farm.

The Committee resolved to receive a full report at the next meeting of the Committee on 4 July 2013 to include an update on any discussions between the GLA Member for Barnet and Camden (Andrew Dismore AM) and Transport for London on this issue.

- 2.2 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 December 2012, Decision Item 6, Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust – Maternity and Accident & Emergency Services Update – as part a report on the above item, the Committee received details from Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust on travel between the Barnet and Chase Farm hospital sites. A link to this information is set out in **Appendix A**.
- 2.3 North Central London Sector Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 27 February 2012, Decision Item 6, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy – during discussion on this item, the Committee made the following comment:

“The need to address public transport when considering major service change was raised. It was the view of the Chair that there had been an inability on the part of TfL to engage effectively with the change programme. It was noted that the process for making transport link changes, even to move a bus stop, could never meet the pace of change required, even when TfL could see the need.”

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny 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 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are: –
- Promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough;
 - Support families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and well-being; and
 - Improve the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study.
- 3.3 The work of the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the delivery of the following outcomes identified in the Corporate Plan:
- To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health; and
 - To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.

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.
- 5.2 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 the report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 Section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218; Part 4 Health Scrutiny by Local Authorities provides for the establishment of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees by local authorities.
- 7.2 Health and Social Care Act 2012, Section 12 – introduces section 2B to the NHS Act 2006 which imposes a new target duty on the local authority to take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of people in its area.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

- 8.1 Council Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – sets out the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee which includes:
- 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, Health and Well-Being Board and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.
 - iii) To receive, consider and respond to reports and consultations from the NHS Commissioning Board, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group, Barnet Health and Well-Being Board and/or other health bodies.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 As set out in Section 2.1, the Committee considered a Members' Item from Councillor Geof Cooke on Transport Services at Finchley Memorial Hospital and resolved to receive a full report at the next meeting of the Committee on 4 July 2013 to include an update on any discussions between the GLA Member for Barnet and Camden (Andrew Dismore AM) and Transport for London on this issue. In accordance with this request, the Scrutiny Office have contacted Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group, the GLA Member for Barnet and Camden, Barnet Community Transport and Transport for London (TfL).

Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group

- 9.2 Officers have been in contact with Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group who have advised that, as clinicians, they are not responsible for transport services at Finchley Memorial Hospital.

GLA Member for Barnet and Camden

- 9.3 In accordance with the recommendation set out in Section 2.1, Officers have requested an update from the Greater London Assembly (GLA) Member for Barnet and Camden (Andrew Dismore AM). He has provided a written submission to the Committee which is attached at **Appendix B**. Members have been requested to give consideration to making a submission to the GLA review on investigation into bus services in London (scope attached at **Appendix C**) and the committee's instructions are requested on this.

Barnet Community Transport

- 9.4 In the submission by Councillor Cooke, he requested that consideration be given to providing a service by a small hopper type bus similar to that operating elsewhere in the borough. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Graham Old, has advised that representatives from Barnet Community Transport (a charity which provides fully adapted vehicles at low cost to community groups, statutory, voluntary and charitable organisations, individuals and families who have difficulties with mainstream travel) have been in discussions with TfL and Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (CLCH) about the use of Finchley Memorial as a satellite hub for vehicles. Barnet Community Transport have been invited to attend the Committee meeting to contribute to the discussion regarding what type of services they might be able to provide to patients in the context of the wider transport issues relating to Finchley Memorial Hospital. Representatives from CLCH have also been invited to contribute to the discussion on this item.

Transport for London

- 9.5 Representatives from TfL have been invited to make a submission to the Committee (which will be circulated as soon as it has been received) and attend the meeting to respond to the issues raised by Councillor Cooke.

Previous Consideration by the Health OSC on Transport Services

- 9.6 In relation to the request from Councillor Cooke to update provide an update on any previous consideration by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on bus services in the context of reorganisation of health services between Barnet Hospital and Chase Farm Hospital, details of relevant decisions are set out in Sections 2.2 and 2.3.
- 9.7 The Committee are requested to consider the information set out in this report and the representations from the various partners and make appropriate comments and/or recommendations to the relevant parties.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None