

**REPORT FOR: HEALTH & SOCIAL  
CARE SCRUTINY SUB-  
COMMITTEE**

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**Date of Meeting:** 22 April 2015

**Subject:** Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee Update

**Responsible Officer:** Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director  
Strategic Commissioning

**Scrutiny Lead  
Member area:** Councillor Mrs Vina Mithani,  
Performance Lead  
  
Councillor Michael Borio, Policy Lead  
Member

**Exempt:** No

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:** none

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report provides an update on the outcomes of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 3 March 2015.

### **Recommendations:**

That the sub-committee consider the update and provide any comments/ issues to be raised in advance of the next JHOSC meeting on 16 June 2015.

## **Section 2 – Report**

2.1 The North West London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) comprising of elected members drawn from the boroughs geographically covered by the NHS NW London *Shaping a Healthier Future* programme was set up to consider the proposals and consultation process formally between the period of 2 July and 8 October 2012.

The proposals set out reconfiguration of the accident and emergency provision in North West London. This included changes to emergency maternity and paediatric care with clear implications on out-of- hospital care.

The JHOSC reported its final report in October 2012, making recommendations on how the *Shaping a Healthier Future* proposals could be developed and implemented including the risks that needed to be explored. This JHOSC also recommended that the Committee continue to meet to provide strategic scrutiny of the development and implementation of *Shaping a Healthier Future*.

2.2 The 3 March meeting of the JHOSC covered the various issues as detailed below:

### **JHOSC Terms of Reference**

The revised terms of reference of the North West London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee was agreed and endorsed.

### **London Ambulance Service**

The London Ambulance Service provided an update on the current performance of the service including an analysis of the impact on response and journey times since the closure of Hammersmith & Central Middlesex Hospitals as part of the *Shaping a Healthier Future* programme. The JHOSC also received an analysis on whether this information allows us to anticipate the impact of the planned closure of Charing Cross and Ealing Hospitals.

A detailed discussion took place and a decision was made that a further update report on performance figures was required and it was expressed that hopefully service improvements would have been made as in most areas the service was achieving between 50-60% where as it should be at a level of 75%.

### **Travel Advisory Group (TAG)**

The JHOSC received an update on the activity and progress of the Travel Advisory Group. The update included:

- An analysis of where the need for improved public transport access is greatest
- Suggested responses being developed
- key areas of concern emerging

As an outcome of the discussions, the TAG will consider issues raised concerning the route 204 and Sudbury Town Station and improved services from route 267 from Fulwell garage and feedback to the JHOSC in advance of the next meeting. The TAG also agreed to provide their work plan for 2015, and provide an update on whether suitable arrangements were in place in the various North West London hospitals in respect of parking for people with disabilities.

### **Shaping a Healthier Future Update**

As part of its remit to scrutinise the *Shaping a Healthier Future* reconfiguration of services in North West London, the JHOSC receives regular updates on the progress of the SaHF programme. A presentation was given, addressing:

- A&E waiting times: following the spike reported to the JHOSC at the October 2014 meeting and subsequent national and regional trends and mitigation that is being put in place
- An analysis of how local trends in NWL compare to the national and regional picture
- Following the closure of Hammersmith and Central Middlesex A&Es - whether there are there conclusions to be drawn about any future closure of A&Es?
- Maternity services - information on the timetable for the announcement of decisions regarding changes to maternity services

As an outcome of the discussions, the Chair will write to the Shaping a Healthier Future team requesting that the Implementation Business Case is provided to the JHOSC in advance of being signed off. In addition the JHOSC has also requested a comparison of the 111 service and the NHS Direct service along with details of training and qualifications of 111 staff.

### **Healthcare Commission – Verbal Update**

The North West London Healthcare Commission, an independent commission launched on 1 December 2014 to examine the impact and implementation of the *Shaping a Healthier Future* programme. The Commission currently involves Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham Councils.

Hammersmith and Fulham, and Ealing expressed that they wished to have it recorded that they did not support the case for change when the *Shaping a Healthier Future* proposals were discussed ahead of the JHOSC's consultation response that was submitted in October 2012.

### **Any other Business**

The JHOSC agreed that a discussion paper should be prepared on the potential benefits and risks of broadening the scope of the JHOSC to other pan North West London issues at the health/social care interface, including which issues should be discussed and which are outside the scope of the JHOSC.

### **Financial Implications**

None

### **Performance Issues**

None

### **Environmental Impact**

None

### **Risk Management Implications**

None

### **Equalities implications**

There are a number of equalities implications that relate to the reconfiguration of health services in North West London as a whole. These implications form part of the on-going considerations of the JHOSC.

### **Council Priorities**

The work of JHOSC committee relates to all four of council's priorities:

- Making a difference for the most vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local businesses
- Making a difference for families

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>NO</b>
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## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

**Contact:** Fola Irikefe, Policy Officer, ext. 5389

**Background Papers:** JHOSC Agenda, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

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