

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

Date of Meeting: 26 October 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,
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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 16 June 2015.

Recommendations:

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

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 the 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 16 June meeting of the JHOSC covered the various issues as detailed below:

Shaping a Healthier Future

A Local Hospital at Ealing and Charing Cross

The committee received a briefing on the plans to turn both Charing Cross and Ealing Hospital into local hospitals, re-provisioning some of the acute services that they deliver.

Members heard that the Keogh Review to be published later in the year would provide details of the form local hospitals would take and a consultation relating to this will also be carried out. Members requested to have sight and be involved with the consultations as plans progressed.

Update on Implementation Business Case

Details of the progress of the Implementation Business Case (ImBC) were provided to the Committee. Following the agreement of the Secretary of State to develop the SaHF programme in October 2013, development work was

being undertaken on the ImBC which would provide the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) the capital investment required for delivery.

The ImBC will be based on the drafts of the Trusts acute business cases and the latest CCG Out of Hospital plans. It will reflect the current progress made on implementation and take into account the operational demands for health services in North West London as they stood. The ImBC format would use HM Treasury's five case models for business cases.

Members raised key questions relating to the need to fast track the out-of-hospital services in order to meet the changes in hospital. A key point was raised by the chair about the need to have early sight of key documents such as the ImBC as they are developed, and not afterwards.

As an outcome of discussions NHS colleagues agreed to provide a metrics of progress and a framework of activity on local and hospital settings on quality indicators.

Maternity Services Update

This item detailed the plans for the transition of maternity activity from Ealing Hospital. The report detailed the planned transition dates, shortly to commence as well as the further information on the future model for maternity activity in North West London.

The Panel were advised of the detailed assurances undertaken to support the decision, the model of care and implementation plan and the changes to gynaecology and paediatric services as well as an overview of the communications and engagement strategy which was in the process of being undertaken.

Members requested to have sight of the equalities impact assessment and transport impact assessment carried out as part of the transition exercise. The committee also stressed that the report failed to address/ promote home birth as part of the choice some mothers that were due to deliver could take as an alternative to going to another hospital.

North West London A&E Performance Update

The committee received a report which detailed the performance of North West London A&E departments over the preceding twelve months. The report detailed the actions which were being taken to improve the performance.

Members raised questions in relation to how spikes in attendance were dealt with which included management through extended hours admissions.

Following discussions about the lack of clarity relating to some of the documentation, it was agreed that the committee would be provided with further statistics with a site by site breakdown of urgent care centre and A&E performance, including breakdowns by attendance type.

Discussion took place around the transfer of services from acute settings to

primary/community settings. It was agreed that public education was paramount to ensuring a smooth transition and culture change. A detailed analysis of how the 7 day GP Service was working across the boroughs was also to be provided at a future meeting.

There was then a discussion of the 111 telephone service. The existing contract for the service was coming to an end and research work was currently being undertaken and expected to be completed around September/October 2015 and the results would be presented to the committee at a future date.

JHOSC Work Programme and the remit of the Committee

Officers had been asked to review the possibility of the JHOSC widening its scope beyond its current focus on the Shaping a Healthier Future initiative into other key areas of the health agenda.

Following research, it was concluded that, without altering the membership of the JHOSC, it was unclear how it could expand its remit to encompass any additional key areas. It would also put significantly more demand on the workload of the committee and would require that meetings take place on a more regular basis. On the whole this would mean greater resources that are not available.

In conclusion, the committee agreed that it would be difficult to extend the scope without varying from the Committee's original remit. It was decided that wider issues were better considered at a borough level along the lines of current arrangements.

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

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: JHOSC Agenda, 16 June 2015

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