

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

Date of Meeting:	15 December 2016
Subject:	Shaping a Healthier Future – Update from NW London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	Health: Policy Lead – Councillor Kairul Kareema Marikar Performance Lead – Councillor Vina Mithani
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report provides an update on the discussions at the latest meeting of the NW London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Shaping a Healthier Future programme.

Recommendations:

The Sub-Committee is asked to:

- Consider the update and provide any comments/issues that are to be raised in advance of the next JHOSC meeting.

Section 2 – Report

The North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) comprises elected members drawn from the boroughs geographically covered by the NHS NW London Shaping a Healthier Future (SaHF) programme and 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 for out-of-hospital care.

The JHOSC published its final report in October 2012, making recommendations on how the SaHF proposals could be developed and implemented, including the risks that needed to be explored. The JHOSC also recommended that the committee continue to meet beyond the original consultation period to provide ongoing strategic scrutiny of the development and implementation of Shaping a Healthier Future.

Harrow's ongoing participation in the JHOSC examining the implementation of the SaHF ensures that scrutiny of the issues is maintained at a regional level and that Harrow residents' perspectives are put forward to the NHS as it implements the SaHF programme. The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee receives regular update reports on the JHOSC so that it can pick up any local issues in its own work programme as well as feed into the JHOSC's agenda planning and deliberations. As confirmed at Annual Council on 19 May 2016, Harrow's member representatives on the JHOSC for 2016/17 are Councillors Michael Borio and Vina Mithani.

JHOSC meeting on 14 October 2016

The latest meeting of the JHOSC was held on 14 October 2016. Neither Harrow member representative could attend, however there was officer attendance. Detailed below are key headlines from those discussions, which centred on the development of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for NW London:

Consultation and engagement – the NHS is holding local public events around the STP, working with council communications teams and talking to Healthwatches in devising engagement plans for the 5-year course of the STP. The JHOSC expressed its disappointment that it had not been presented the STP whilst it was being developed. There was concern from the JHOSC over engagement with the public, partners and NHS staff.

Demographics - population growth remains a concern of the JHOSC, for example the Old Oak Common development, and whether NHS plans are adequately taking account of population growth in the health services being developed for areas.

Acute services – the JHOSC expressed the view that the plans represented cuts to services, not efficiencies, and that vital health services will be closed down as a consequence. It was noted however that the changes to maternity services had been independently reviewed and approved.

A key concern of the JHOSC that was reiterated at this meeting was around the capacity of the acute services that do remain open and that will be required to take on the additional patient flow, e.g. Northwick Park Hospital, West Middlesex Hospital.

Out of hospital strategy – the SaHF programme relies heavily on robust out of hospital strategies being in place to relieve the pressure on acute services. It was noted that the STP makes no reference to community pharmacies, key to out of hospital provision yet funding for these are proposed to be cut in recent government consultation. Furthermore it was noted that whilst GPs are a central plank of primary care, the commissioning of GPs and the quality of their services sit outside CCGs responsibility as they are the responsibility of NHS England.

ImBC/STP interface – the SaHF Implementation Business Case is now not expected to be presented to the JHOSC until December or the new year. The STP is due to be signed off in December. The two need to be developed and informed in tandem.

The STP will allow areas to know their funding allocations for health for a 5-year period for the first time. This level of funding transformation will necessitate a change in the way the NHS and councils deliver health and social care services. The STP should clearly model the social care funding gap as the STP asks councils to do more with the NHS, however increased activity is not necessarily reflected in council budgets which are under enormous strain.

Correspondence following JHOSC meeting

Following on from the JHOSC discussions, the Chair of the JHOSC Councillor Mel Collins (Hounslow) wrote to the chair of the CCG Collaborative (Dr Mohini Parmar) which oversees the SaHF programme to submit the views of the JHOSC. In this (letter dated 19 October 2016), he stated the committee's disappointment that the "JHOSC was omitted from the plan of engagement of the STP...We also remain concerned at the continued absence of the Implementation Business Case". The letter also provided JHOSC comments on the draft STP that had been submitted to NHS England on 30 June regarding:

- Future of Ealing Hospital
- Consultation with NHS staff
- Lack of risk assessment within the STP especially given the speed/scale of change envisaged in the STP, reduction in acute services, meeting demographic changes, out of hospital services
- Social care funding gap

Dr Parmar in her response (1 November 2016) noted that the tight nationally-set deadlines did not allow for detailed work on the latest STP and JHOSC dates to align. She gave the JHOSC the reassurance that there was significant engagement throughout this period with local council colleagues as well as events for the public to attend.

The ImBC will be shared with JHOSC councillors after it has been ensured that the ImBC fully aligns with the STP and that the latest position on NHS capital funding is taken properly into account.

Dr Parmar's letter finishes by saying "Much of the further STP detail will be developed and discussed at local level through CCG commissioning intentions, but we will of course continue to engage with you on aggregated plans".

Other JHOSC related activity

The next meeting of the JHOSC is still to be arranged and will be the annual meeting where chairing arrangements for the year are confirmed. The agenda will focus on: hospital transport, CQC report on London Ambulance Service, performance of A&E in NW London, the SaHF Implementation Business Case.

On 24 November 2016 there was a pan-London JHOSC forum which brought together representatives from all of London's JHOSCs to discuss the scrutiny of STPs by JHOSCs going forward and opportunities to work together across London and strategically. The number of places allocated to each JHOSC was limited and neither Harrow member representative was able to attend.

Financial Implications

The costs of delivering the health scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

Performance Issues

There is no specific performance issues associated with this report.

Environmental Impact

There is no specific environmental impact associated with this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are none specific to this report.

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

- Protect the most vulnerable and support families

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Statutory clearances not required.

Ward Councillors notified:	N/A
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Agenda papers for the JHOSC meeting on 14 October 2016:

<http://www.harrow.gov.uk/www2/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1102&MId=64087&Ver=4>