

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

Date of Meeting:	3 July 2017
Subject:	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 Michael Borio 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 (JHOSC).

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 (date TBC)

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 20 April 2017, Harrow's member representatives on the JHOSC for 2016/17 are Councillors Michael Borio and Vina Mithani.

JHOSC meeting on 20 April 2017

The latest meeting of the JHOSC was held on 20 April 2017. Neither Harrow member representative was able attend, however there was officer attendance.

EIA for the NW London Sustainability and Transformation Plan

The Equality Impact Assessment from North West London had been placed on the website the day before (ie 19 April) and was broadly similar in content to that of other STPs. The Committee agreed that this be a future JHOSC item.

London Ambulance Service

The London Ambulance Service (LAS) provided a presentation and summarised that hard work and effective collaboration with partners had turned things around for the LAS in the last two years. Despite ever increasing demand for services the LAS was now one of the best performing Ambulance Trusts nationally. The LAS had improved staffing levels compared with two years back with many of the new recruits coming from overseas. Committee were invited to join an LAS crew for a shift.

NW London Performance for Accident and Emergency

The North West London Accident and Emergency (A&E) Performance Report for the winter of 2016/17 was presented to the Committee. North West London had continued to achieve A&E performance in line with or better than both London and England generally although it had not met the national standards consistently.

There was extensive discussion around whether more hospital beds were needed in North West London. Adult Social Care and whether the necessary resources were available to care for people in the community. Officers were clear that North West London CWHHE CCGs was focusing on delivering the out of hospital strategy.

Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Mel Collins (LB Hounslow) be elected as Chair, and Councillor Charles Williams (RB Kensington and Chelsea) be elected as Vice Chair of the North West London Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

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 ongoing 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 20 February 2017:

<http://www.harrow.gov.uk/www2/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1102>