

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	15 th February 2007
Subject:	School Nurses CYP Scrutiny Challenge Panel Report
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Paul Clark Director of Children's Services
Portfolio Holder:	Janet Mote
Exempt:	Part 1
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 - Report to Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 7 January 2007 Appendix 2 - Reference from Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

To update the Cabinet on the finding of the scrutiny panel and ask them to consider the recommendations to inform future decisions and help ensure that progress is made following the review by the PCT and Acute Trust.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet is requested to:

- (1) Note the final report of the Challenge Panel on School Nursing
- (2) Endorse the reports finding and recommendations

REASON: Approval of the report and its recommendation will allow the sub-committee to influence discussions around the future provision of school nursing in the borough. This is particularly pertinent at this time as a new service specification is in development

SECTION 2 - REPORT

This report was written following a scrutiny panel with a focus on schools nursing which examined the current provision, barriers and issues and ways forward. The Review involved a scrutiny panel on 28th November 2006 and evidence gathered from Harrow Council, Harrow Primary Care Trust, North West London Hospital Trust and further comments from the Royal College of Nursing

The report is submitted to update the Cabinet on the findings of the scrutiny panel and ask them to consider the recommendations to inform future decisions and help ensure that progress is made following the review by the PCT and Acute Trust Approval of the report and its recommendation will allow the sub-committee to influence discussions around the future provision of school nursing in the borough. This is particularly pertinent at this time as a new service specification is in development

Cabinet are asked to note the final report of the Challenge Panel on School Nursing and endorse the reports finding and recommendations

There is nil cost to the council as the funding and responsibility is held by the PCT within existing approved budgets

If this report's recommendations are not endorsed by cabinet it may lead to a failure to secure an appropriate level of service which in turn may lead to a decline in health within the authority. There is also a risk that scrutiny will have a lesser impact in its policy development role and will limit the ways in which it influences local decisions, which are particularly pertinent at this time, on an important area of service delivery.

Failure to provide school nursing at an appropriate level would disadvantage the most vulnerable children and young people whose needs are often first identified by school nurses

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Finance Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Name: Paula Foulds Date: 24 th January 2007
Monitoring Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Name: Helen White Date: 30 th January 2007

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers: Background Documents: Final Report from the CYP Scrutiny Challenge Panel on School Nursing with Appendices

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	