

HARROW COUNCIL

CABINET – 18 MARCH 2010

REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2010

Integrated Care Organisation Challenge Panel

An officer introduced the report which set out the findings of the Integrated Care Organisation (ICO) Challenge Panel that had been established to investigate the implications of proposals to develop an ICO comprising Ealing and Harrow Community Services and Ealing Hospital. The officer stated that the Challenge Panel had been well attended, with a number of senior figures from the NHS present.

The officer explained that a number of recommendations had been made by the Challenge Panel, as detailed in the report. The Committee was informed that one of the Challenge Panel's central concerns was ensuring that NHS Harrow understood the role of Scrutiny and that the process for engagement was clear. The officer explained that, though there was a general acceptance that the ICO proposals may well represent a good model of care for Harrow, the Challenge Panel had highlighted the importance of Scrutiny being provided with sufficient and timely information in order to ensure that the interests of local residents were being safeguarded.

A Member thanked all those that had been involved in the Challenge Panel and stated that it was important that Scrutiny maintained an open and honest relationship with all its partners. Another Member stated that although the ICO in its current form did not constitute a substantial change to service provision, it set the scene for future and more substantial alterations. As a result, the Member stated that scrutiny may decide that a broader piece of work considering changes in the NHS may be needed in the future.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the observations and recommendations of the Integrated Care Organisation Challenge Panel be noted and endorsed;
- (2) **the report of the Integrated Care Organisation Challenge Panel be referred to Cabinet;**
- (3) the report of the Integrated Care Organisation Challenge Panel be referred to NHS Harrow.

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Background Papers:

Report considered by the Committee on 28 January 2010