

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
AND SCRUTINY SUB-
COMMITTEES**

Date: 28 January 2010

Subject: Integrated Care Organisation

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Exempt: No

Enclosures: Report from the Integrated Care
Organisation Challenge Panel held on
25 January 2010.

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Summary

This report sets out the findings of the Integrated Care Organisation (ICO) challenge panel established to investigate the implications of proposals to develop an ICO comprising Ealing and Harrow Community Services and Ealing Hospital

Recommendations:

Councillors are recommended to:

- I. Note and endorse the observations and recommendations of the ICO challenge panel
- II. Refer the report to Cabinet
- III. Refer the report to NHS Harrow

Section 2 – Report

Background

In November 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny committee was asked to receive a report from NHS Harrow outlining their proposals to develop an Integrated Care Organisation (ICO) comprising Ealing and Harrow Community Services, (the arms length organisation established following government direction to Primary Care Trusts to separate their commissioning and provider functions) and Ealing Hospital. The Overview and Scrutiny committee decided not to hear the item from NHS Harrow at this meeting on the basis that insufficient information was being made available to the committee and that insufficient notice had been given for consideration of the proposal. At The Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 8th December, a challenge panel was commissioned to enable the committee to determine the detail of the proposal and its implications for Harrow residents. This report outlines the findings and recommendations from this challenge panel.

The proposal for implementation of the Integrated Care Organisation with effect from April 2010 was agreed at the joint NHS Harrow, NHS Ealing board meeting on 26th November 2009.

Full background information and details of the outcomes from the panel are included in the attached report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report. However, as the ICO proposals go ahead the council will need to be aware of potential implications of the change and possible costs of these.

Performance Issues

Concern regarding the changes reflects the council's commitment to improve support to our vulnerable residents. As the specific implications of the proposals are not entirely clear, it is recommended that developments are monitored closely, for any impact upon the council's own performance

Environmental Impact

There are no environmental implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

Corporate Priorities

- Improve support for vulnerable people

Section 3 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Business Case for the Integrated Care Organisation Board Report: NHS Harrow http://www.harrowpct.nhs.uk/Board_Report_26_November_2009.html