

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

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	4 February 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Update from NW London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning
<b>Scrutiny Lead Member area:</b>	Health: Policy Lead – Councillor Michael Borio Performance Lead – Councillor Vina Mithani
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Enclosures:</b>	None

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report provides an update on discussions held at the meeting of the NW London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) on 4 December 2018.

### **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 (12 March 2019, hosted by Harrow).

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Background**

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. Harrow's member representatives on the JHOSC for 2018/19 are Councillors Rekha Shah and Vina Mithani.

### **JHOSC meeting 4 December 2018**

The last meeting of the JHOSC was held on 4 December 2018 at Westminster Council and attended by Councillor Shah. The agenda for this meeting included:

Health based places of safety in NW London - Section 136 is an emergency power of the Mental Health Act 1983 which allows a person to be taken to a place of safety from a public place, if a police officer considers they are suffering from mental illness and in need of immediate care. HBPOS suites are places where the police and ambulance crews can take people who have been detained under Section 136. At the place of safety they can be supported and looked after whilst they are assessed by a psychiatrist and an approved mental health professional. There is currently one HBPOS site in each NW London borough, with an average of 1600 recorded cases. Harrow's HBPOS is at Northwick Park Hospital. Of the five options for future delivery, four include Northwick Park Hospital. A business plan will be finalised by April 2019 with the aim of transitioning to the new service model by April 2020.

Update on the proposed reconfiguration of acute hospitals and the compliance with reconfiguration test - In July 2018, a request for capital funding for the majority of the transformation programmes underpinning the

Shaping a Healthier Future SOC (strategic outline case) 1 was submitted in a new Department of Health and Social Care process. This asks for a total of £260m for capital funding in NW London, of which £107m is for NW London University Hospital Trust. The reconfiguration test means that each reconfiguration programme needs to provide assurance on five tests, the latest added (April 2017) of which was around a reduction in beds. To date, the SaHF programme has provided compliance with all five tests and this is an ongoing process.

NW London joint committee of CCGs - As many of the items that the Joint Committee has considered or will be considering bear similarity with the work programme of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is observed that there is potential and scope to align the work of the Joint Committee with that of the JHOSC.

Winter plans - While there will always be winter pressures, it is possible to create robust and sufficient plans that can mitigate against the key risks and describe how the winter period will meet expected demand. The winter plans in NW London cover the period from the 3 December 2018 until 23 April 2019 (Easter holiday). However, it is expected that local systems will continue to build on these plans following a review of Christmas and New Year demand and to help support systems meet locally agreed trajectories throughout the following months. While NW London is not yet consistently meeting the operational standard for A&E waiting times - *95% of patients should be admitted, transferred or discharged within 4 hours of their arrival at an A&E department* – all four AEDB systems are working towards delivery of 95% of all type performance by March 2019.

### **Next JHOSC meeting 12 March 2019**

The next scheduled meeting of the JHOSC is on 12 March 2019, to be hosted by Harrow Council. The JHOSC's work programme gives an indicative agenda of:

- Mental health (Delivery Area 4 of STP) - including a focus on addiction, homelessness and 19-25 year olds with special needs
- Financial aspects of the Sustainable Transformation Plan (STP) including a consideration of the workforce, use of consultants and the risk register
- Shaping a Healthier Future Programme and SOC 1 (strategic outline case) funding
- Continuing Health Care and policy development

At the time of writing, consideration is being given to holding an extraordinary meeting of the JHOSC in February to consider:

- Royal Brompton move
- Congenital heart disease in London

If an extraordinary meeting does not go ahead, it is anticipated that the agenda for the March meeting will include these two additional reports.

Updates from this/these meeting(s) will be reported back to the next Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

### **Other updates**

The terms of reference for the JHOSC have been revised and expanded to include scrutiny of STPs at a regional level. These were ratified at full council meetings of the respective councils – Harrow agreed the revised terms of reference at full council on 29 November 2018.

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **Performance Issues**

There are 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.

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	N/A
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## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

### **Contact:**

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### **Background Papers:**

Agendas papers for the JHOSC meetings can be found at:

<http://www.harrow.gov.uk/www2/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=1102&Year=0>