THE NHS IN NORTH CENTRAL LONDON

BOROUGHS: BARNET, CAMDEN, ENFIELD, HARINGEY, ISLINGTON

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REPORT TITLE: Transforming Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) In-Patient Services for young people living in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey

REPORT OF

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FOR SUBMISSION TO:

North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 19th September 2011

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The NHS in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey is committed to developing local Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS) in line with the recommendations of the National CAMHS review, which was published in 2008. The review recommended the development of a range of CAMHS services, with a focus on ensuring that universal, targeted and highly specialist services work effectively together to provide well integrated child and family centred CAMHS services that respond appropriately to what can be very different individual needs.

The changes proposed in the document that went out to consultation, will impact on CAMHS that we currently provide for 12 – 18 year olds with severe and complex mental health problems, including suicidal behaviour and/or emerging personality disorders, in need of specialist CAMHS. We are currently too dependent on inpatient services, and the proposed changes are intended to develop a more mixed model of provision, whereby in patient admission, for both short and medium lengths of stay, will remain an option, but there will be more investment in and a greater emphasis on community based care.

We recognise that the service users from the Northgate clinic made a powerful presentation to the last meeting of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15th July, and that equally members of the Committee raised a number of concerns both at the meeting and in the subsequent letter that required action and a fuller response from ourselves. We welcome the opportunity to explain the actions we have taken since the meeting and to respond to the questions raised, and requests for further explanation which are provided in the attached report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: The Committee is asked to note the contents of the attached report and provide a formal response to the proposals described in the consultation document.

SIGNED:

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DATE: 5th September 2011