

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for North Central London

19 July 2013

Work Plan/Future Dates

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report outlines proposed future date(s) for the JHOSC and outlines issues that have been identified as possible future items.

2. Next Meeting

- 2.1 The next meeting of the Panel will be Friday 4 October and take place at Haringey Civic Centre. Proposed items for the meeting are as follows:

- A&E:
 - Performance Statistics;
 - Any patterns;
 - Emerging issues (e.g. staffing)
- Acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals by Royal Free
- Dentistry:
 - Commissioning
 - Access
- Moorfields – Proposed move to Kings Cross
- BEH Clinical Strategy

- 2.2 Other issues identified as potential future items for meetings are currently as follows:

- Specialist services commissioned by NHS England
- CCG Commissioning – quality/cost criteria
- Clinical Care quality

3. Future Meetings

- 3.1 Future meetings of the Committee have been arranged to take place as follows:

- 29 November (Barnet);
- 7 February (Enfield); and

- 28 March (Islington).
- 3.2 At the last meeting of the JHOSC, it was suggested that a meeting be arranged during May 2014 in order to consider the Quality Accounts of local NHS provider trusts. It was felt that this might be possible as the purdah period before the local government elections may not apply to health scrutiny activities.
 - 3.3 Preliminary legal advice has been obtained on the feasibility of this. Each local authority has slightly different rules and practices in relation to the purdah period. In addition, if there were to be any issues arising from a JHOSC meeting taking place during purdah, they would probably be directed at individual authorities rather than the JHOSC as a whole. For this reason, it is therefore suggested that each Council should seek its own legal advice if the wish remains to hold a meeting during the purdah period.
 - 3.4 The election date will almost certainly be 22 May 2014, which means that the purdah period will commence when notice of the election is given on 14 April. NHS provider trusts have to allow 30 days consultation on their Quality Accounts and were this year required to make the draft available by the end of April. It may therefore be possible to arrange for the JHOSC to address relevant Quality Accounts if trusts are able to make them available prior to the start of purdah i.e. before 14 April.

4. Seminar

- 4.1 The Committee also agreed, at its meeting on 6 June, to organise a training session for Members in October 2013 on issues arising from the Francis Report. This will be hosted by the London Borough of Haringey.