

**MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Present: Councillor Gideon Bull (Chair), Councillor Gina Adamou, Councillor Karen Alexander, Councillor Ron Aitken, Councillor Pat Egan, Ms Felicity Kally, Councillor David Winskill.

In Attendance: Xanthe Barker (LBH), Councillor John Bevan, Lee Bojtor (BEH MHT), Helen Brown (HTPCT), Maria Cane (BEH MHT), Trevor Cripps (LBH), Jan Doust (LHB), Micheal Fox (BEH MHT), Siobhan Harper (HTPCT/LBH), Tim Loveridge (BEH MHT), Rob Mack (LBH), Lisa Redfern (LBH), James Slater (HTPCT), Peter Sudbury (BEH MHT), Andrew Wright (BEH MHT).

Prior to the presentation the Chairman of the Mental Health Trust (MHT) welcomed the Committee and members of the public to St Ann's. He noted that this formed the first of a series of meetings considering proposals in relation to the development of Mental Health Services in Haringey and the redevelopment of St Ann's site and underlined the Trust's commitment to engaging with the local community in relation to these.

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SUBJECT/DECISION

OSCO50	WEBCASTING The Chair advised those present that the meeting was being Webcast on the Council's website.
OSCO51	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ray Dodds.
OSCO52	URGENT BUSINESS No items of Urgent Business were received.
OSCO53	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were made.
OSCO54	DEPUTATIONS No Deputations were made. The Chair noted that although no formal Deputations had been received, there would be an opportunity, following the Mental Health Trust's presentation and questions from members of the Committee, for members of the public to contribute to the meeting.
OSCO55	THE DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HARINGEY AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF ST. ANN'S HOSPITAL The Committee received a presentation from the MHT setting out how the Trust

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intended to consult with the local community over proposals in relation to the site. Following the presentation the Chair reminded those present that role of the Committee was to scrutinise the MHT's proposals and the quality of the consultation process. He clarified that the Committee was not responsible for facilitating the consultation process.

Representatives from the PCT reinforced the message that development of Mental Health Services would be driven by the need to improve clinical services. Accommodation was a secondary issue and proposals around this and the St Ann's site would be shaped by service delivery.

Questions from the Committee

Concern was expressed by several members of the Committee that the development of further community based services should not be driven by a cost.

In response to queries the Committee was advised that at this stage a financial analysis of funding in relation to potential proposals was not available. However, it was unlikely that additional revenue funding would be made available and therefore the development of services was being considered on a cost neutral basis.

The Committee asked for assurances from the PCT and MHT that the model of consultation used would engage with the broadest range of people possible. It was noted that many members of the public had not been satisfied that previous consultation exercises had achieved this.

The Chair of the MHT advised that the Trust was keen to engage a broad base of people during consultation in order to reflect Haringey's diverse population. The points made in relation to previous consultation exercises were acknowledged and the Committee was advised that an individual had been appointed specifically to manage the consultation process. In addition to this, an agency with specific expertise in facilitating large consultation exercises, would be employed to assist with the process. Once the process for the consultation exercise had been finalised it would be presented to the Committee for discussion.

The Committee requested that a 'bottom up' approach was taken to the consultation exercise. It was noted that a series of workshop sessions were being planned to facilitate discussion with the local community and stakeholders.

In response to a query as to how long it would take to implement proposals to extend the level of community based care, the Committee was advised that it was envisaged that it would take approximately three years to complete in total.

Public Representations

The Chair allowed three members of the public to make representations including:

Mr Mario Petrou, Save St Ann's Campaign
Mr Dave Morris, Haringey Residents Association.
Mr Mash Alam, Service User.

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	<p>In response to points made by members of the public, the Committee was reminded that this formed the start of the consultation process. No final decisions in relation to the development of Mental Health Services or the redevelopment of the St Ann's site had yet been made.</p> <p>The PCT and MHT noted that although both organisations were committed to with engaging local residents it was important that expectations were not raised beyond what was possible within the limitations of the budget available and the site itself.</p> <p>In response to points made by members of the public it was noted that the PCT had no intention of closing forty GP surgeries in the Borough.</p> <p><u>Public Questions</u></p> <p>The Chair invited members of the public to put questions to representatives from the PCT and MHT.</p> <p>In response to a query regarding proposals to expand community based care, it was noted that this was in line with the models used throughout London. The MHT recognised the need to move forward and acknowledged that there had been discussion around the future of St Ann's and services provided from the site for a significant period of time.</p> <p>It was noted that ways of working with and involving the Community and Voluntary Sector would be considered as proposals were developed. Existing mechanisms for engaging with the sector would also be utilised.</p> <p>The Chair reminded those present that this was the first of a series of meetings that would focus on the development of Health Services in the Borough. He noted that these meetings would take place on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 7.30pm and that they would be publicised via the Council's website and local press.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. That the comments and discussion arising from the meeting be noted.ii. That the PCT and MHT should present details of the consultation process to the Committee at a future meeting.iii. That future meetings regarding the development Mental Health Services and general Health Services in the Borough be scheduled and publicised.
OSCO56	<p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>No new items of Urgent Business were received.</p>

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COUNCILLOR GIDEON BULL

Chair

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.