NORTH CENTRAL LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington

REPORT TITLE

Work Programme 2020-2021

REPORT OF

Committee Chair, North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

FOR SUBMISSION TO

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SUMMARY OF REPORT

This paper reports on the 2020-22 work programme of the North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. It also requests confirmation of the reports for the next meeting and approval for bringing forward the date of the final meeting of the Committee for the year so it falls before the pre-election period for the 2022 Council elections.

Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information

No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

a) Note the work plan for 2021-22 and consider any updates that may be necessary;

- b) Confirm the agenda items for the next meeting, which is currently scheduled to take place on 24 September;
- c) Approve the moving of the Committee meeting currently scheduled to take place on 25 March to 18 March 2022.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This paper outlines the areas that the Committee has chosen to focus on for 2021-22 so far. The Committee is asked to note the list of topics that have been identified as a potential agenda items for the year and consider any amendments that may be required.
- 1.2 The next meeting of the JHOSC is scheduled to take place on 24 September 2021 and the Committee is also asked to confirm the items for this. The items currently scheduled to be on the agenda for this are as follows:
 - Digital Inclusion and Health Inequalities;
 - Review of Mental Health and Community Services;
 - Mental Health Update; and
 - Integrated Care Systems
- 1.3 The Committee is also asked to identify any particular matters that they would like to be addressed within these items. Full details of the JHOSC's work plan for the year are listed in **Appendix A**.
- 1.4 It is currently anticipated that it will be possible to resume "in-person" meetings from the next meeting of the Committee. Boroughs have previously shared responsibility for hosting meetings, with each one taking it in turns to do so. Should the Committee wish to resume meeting on this basis, it will be Barnet's turn to host the meeting.
- 1.5 The date of the final meeting of the year is currently likely to fall within the preelection period for the 2022 Council elections. It is therefore recommended that it be brought forward from 25th March to 18th March 2022.

2. Terms of Reference

- 2.1 In considering suitable topics for the JHOSC, the Committee should have regard to its Terms of Reference:
 - "To engage with relevant NHS bodies on strategic area wide issues in respect of the co-ordination, commissioning and provision of NHS health services across the whole of the area of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington;
 - To respond, where appropriate, to any proposals for change to specialised NHS services that are commissioned on a cross borough basis and where

there are comparatively small numbers of patients in each of the participating boroughs;

- To respond to any formal consultations on proposals for substantial developments or variations in health services across affecting the areas of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington and to decide whether to use the power of referral to the Secretary of State for Health on behalf of Councils who have formally agreed to delegate this power to it when responding to formal consultations involving all the five boroughs participating in the JHOSC;
- The joint committee will work independently of both the Cabinet and health overview and scrutiny committees (HOSCs) of its parent authorities, although evidence collected by individual HOSCs may be submitted as evidence to the joint committee and considered at its discretion;
- The joint committee will seek to promote joint working where it may provide
 more effective use of health scrutiny and NHS resources and will endeavour to
 avoid duplicating the work of individual HOSCs. As part of this, the joint
 committee may establish sub and working groups as appropriate to consider
 issues of mutual concern provided that this does not duplicate work by
 individual HOSCs; and
- The joint committee will aim to work together in a spirit of co-operation, striving to work to a consensual view to the benefit of local people."

3. Appendices

Appendix A – 2021/22 NCL JHOSC Work Programme

Appendix B – Action Tracker