

Paper for the Haringey Council Children's Scrutiny Committee

From Whittington Health

With regard to the Tynemouth Road Children's hub development

Background

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the consultation undertaken earlier this year regarding the development of a Children's health hub in Haringey in the existing Tynemouth Road Health Centre. It approved the changes proposed and asked that a subsequent report be presented to the Children's scrutiny committee covering a few concerns.

Progress

The designs have now been completed with feedback taken from the SEND group, staff and the services users with advice taken from Healthwatch Haringey. The designs include a "changing places" toilet facility as promised. Unfortunately, limited face-to-face engagement with the public has been possible due to lack of response, however, we put up posters and set up a survey to collect feedback and we have incorporated that feedback into the final design and colour scheme.

Issues

Parking: The health centre currently has 34 parking places, and there are 8-10 pay and display spaces on the road outside the centre. We will change the use of some of the health centre parking spaces to ensure there is provision for visitors to the site. We have been unable to progress further parking opportunities with the council at this time (ref: Ann Cunningham). However, we are also working with our staff to promote alternatives to driving, this includes promoting the use of oyster cards for those traveling between sites. We also offer annual travel card loans, cycle to work schemes, and some staff are supported to access Haringey parking permits if they carry out home visits.

Access: we have engaged with the council officers regarding pavement access, and they will include our request in an upcoming review. (ref: Neil Goldberg)

Pollution: Whittington have engaged with council officers who recognise that the pollution is outside of Whittington's control (ref: Joe Baker). However, we are promoting greener travel and are looking to expand our electrical car fleet for district nurses. The improvements to the building will also positively impact on the carbon footprint.

Next steps

Building work started on site in October and will continue until the end of March 2022. We hope to move WH CYP services to the site between January and March 2022.