

REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE No. 01/2010-11 COUNCIL 22nd MARCH 2010

Chair:
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Councillor Gina Adamou

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report to full Council arises from a report (attached as Appendix 1) considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 15th February 2010 on the setting up of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the North Central London Service and Organisation Review.

SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Committee agreed, in principle, to the establishment of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Islington and Enfield to engage with the NHS on the North Central London Service and Organisation Review.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee will have a statutory role to respond to formal consultation on the review of acute services in the north central sector of London.
- 2.3 Since Haringey will be appointing only 2 Members to the Joint Committee, the “political proportionality” rules in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 will not apply.
- 2.4 The terms of reference for the joint committee are proposed as follows:

“To scrutinise and respond to stakeholder engagement, the consultation process and final decision in respect of the North Central London Service and Organisation Review in the light of what is in the best interests of the delivery of a spectrum of health services across the area of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington, taking account of:

- The adequacy of the consultation being carried out by the health bodies including the extent to which patients and the public have been consulted and their views have been taken into account
- The impact on the residents of those areas of the reconfiguration proposals, as set out in the consultation document
- To assess whether the proposals will deliver sustainable service improvement
- To assess whether the proposed changes address existing health care inequalities and not lead to other inequalities

- The impact on patients and carers of the different options, and if appropriate, which option should be taken forward
- How the patient and carer experience and outcomes and their health and well-being can be maximised whichever option is selected
- Whether to use the joint powers of the local authorities to refer either the consultation or final decision in respect of the North Central London Service and Organisation Review to the Secretary of State for Health.

WE RESOLVED:

- 3.1 That the Committee agrees to the setting up of a joint health scrutiny overview and scrutiny committee with the London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Islington and Enfield under the powers conferred by chapter 3 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and associated regulations to engage with the NHS on the North Central London Service and Organisation Review and respond, in due course, to the forthcoming formal consultation exercise thereon.
- 3.2 That, with the agreement of Council to recommendation 4.1, a further report inviting nominations to the JHOSC be submitted to the first meeting of the Committee of the new Municipal Year.
- 3.3 That officers be authorised to continue negotiations with other participating local authorities on the constitutional arrangements for the joint committee and associated matters and report back.

WE RECOMMEND:

- 4.1 (i) that the terms of reference for the joint health overview and scrutiny committee be approved, and

(ii) that the making of nominations from this Council to the joint health overview and scrutiny committee be delegated to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.