

Response to Cllr Browne questions on The Laurels

Please can you outline the current contractual arrangements in respect of the lease of the Laurels and, in particular, the respective positions of the PCT and the Bridge Renewal Trust.

Circle 33 Housing Association are the owners of the building, who lease it to the London Borough Haringey. The Council in turn sub lease it to NHS Haringey, and we sub underlease part of the Health Centre to the Bridge Renewal Trust. We also have separate sub leases with the two GP practices, and manage their area of the building.

What will happen to the lease when the PCT ceases to exist?

At the moment it is unclear what will happen to the ownership of NHS Haringey's property portfolio when GP commissioning is introduced, as decisions over property have yet to be taken.

It is likely that the lease will be transferred to whichever new organisation is formed to manage property on behalf of the new GP commissioning consortia.

Who has overall responsibility for the Laurels?

NHS Haringey manages and maintains the whole of the health centre. BRT as with the other sub lease holders occupy certain areas of the building and within the terms are responsible for their area.

A Laurels project group meets monthly to discuss operational and developmental issues. The meetings are attended by representatives from the PCT, the community services provider side organisation, the two GP practices, the Bridge Renewal Trust and local residents.

What is the Council's role in managing the Laurels?

The Council has no role in managing the Laurels as the building is sub let to NHS Haringey. They will apply any appropriate building regulations to the building.

What, if anything, could be done to prevent the current application for a pharmacy proceeding further?

The application has been granted for the pharmacy has been granted, in accordance with the Pharmaceutical Regulations. There is no recourse for appeal.

In the plans submitted with the application, there is an entrance into the pharmacy from the street, allowing for the pharmacy to be open while the rest of the area is closed.

How is the pharmacy at Hornsey NHC performing?

The Pharmacy at Hornsey is due to open this week so as yet we have no performance data.

What is the level of demand for other services at the Laurels?

The Laurels is one of NHS Haringey's main health centres – the others being Hornsey and Lordship Lane. It serves the population of south Tottenham, which has a growing population, with a high number of black, asian and minority ethnic communities. There are particularly high levels of diabetes, lung cancer and other respiratory diseases, liver disease and obesity.

Services currently in the Laurels are:

- two GP practices with a total list size 14,000 and which continues to grow
- Phlebotomy
- Spirometry - one session per week
- Health Visitors
- Speech and language services
- District nurses – base only
- BCG – neonatal
- IAPT
- Podiatry
- Diatetics
- DESMOND (Diabetic self care)

Please can further details be provided of the meeting that has been arranged by the patients group at the Laurels to which David Lammy MP has been invited?

The meeting is to discuss a number of issues relating to The Laurels, including the current building works, the out of hours service, community pharmacy, and the current situation regarding the GP practices operating in the health centre.