THE NHS IN NORTH CENTRAL LONDON

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REPORT TITLE: NHS North Central London (NCL) Update

REPORT OF:

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FOR SUBMISSION TO:

North Central London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report provides an update on NHS North Central London work in response to enquiries by JHOSC members.

Financial update
Management cost savings
Borough budgets
GP commissioning
BEH Clinical Strategy

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are asked to note the report.

SIGNED:

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NHS North Central London (NCL) Update

Financial Update 2010/11

The underlying position for the NCL PCTs for 2010/11 is projected to be in the region of £100M. This includes some historic deficit and in year problems – notably Haringey at £30M. Camden and Islington remain in balance for 2010/11. NCL has received some support from NHSL and the Challenge Trust Board and has in place a series of mitigating actions.

At month eight, NCL is showing a deficit position of £25M. Further mitigation is in place and the revised year-end target agreed with NHS L is to finish at £35M over budget.

A full financial report is going to the NCL Board 20th January.

PCT Budgets

PCTs remain as statutory bodies until they are abolished in 2013 and each has a capitation budget and need to plan to deliver a balanced budget. If PCTs are overspend at the year end, then there is a Challenge Trust Board mechanism in London to help PCTs subject to a rigorous process and clear plans to deliver a balanced budget – it cannot be an on-going option to manage PCT deficits.

Management cost savings

The PCTs are required to make management cost savings of 54% by March 2011. A formal 90 consultation is underway and due to finish 21st February. A voluntary redundancy scheme is in place. It is anticipated that the new organisational structure will be in place by 1st April.

GP commissioning development

All 5 GP consortia in NCL are applying for Pathfinder Status by March 2011. These are conterminous with boroughs, although acute commissioning will remain at the NCL level for the time being. Assuming they are successful, they will received £2 per registered population to develop GP commissioning from 1st April 2011. Pathfinders must demonstrate the support of local GPs, contribute to delivering the QIPP and they may take on delegated budgets.

BEH Clinical Strategy

NHS London is currently assessing the review of the BEH CS against the four reconfiguration criteria set out in the revised operating framework 2010/11. This will go to the NHS L Board on 26th January.

New Chief Executive at NCL

Caroline Taylor, currently CEO at NHS Croydon and head of London Specialist Commissioning, will take up her post shortly.