

# Special Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for North Central London Sector

**14 November 2011**

## **Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy**

### **1. Report**

1.1 The following background information to this issue is attached:

- Letter from the Secretary of State for Health to the Chair of Enfield Health Scrutiny Panel outlining the outcome of their referral of the issue;
- The Independent Reconfiguration Panel's (IRP) advice to the Secretary of State
- A letter from the Chair of NHS North Central London to the Chair of the JHOSC outlining the current position and next steps.

1.2 Officers from NHS North Central will present on the implementation process and associated issues. The JHOSC have requested that the following issues be addressed as part of this:

- At what stage is the implementation process?
- Have the four tests for service change been met?
- How has the transition process been affected by reductions in management capacity and the current financial challenges and what measures have been taken to mitigate these?
- Does the commitment from the PCTs to move services only when there is an established capacity and all facilities are in place at the designated hospitals still stand?
- What progress has been made in addressing the transport issues?
- What safeguards are in place to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to cope with demand for:
  - Maternity services so that hospitals are not forced to turn women away:  
and
  - A&E services
- What progress has been made in implementing the planned developments in primary and community care necessary to support the changes in the

strategy and, in particular, the provision of additional health centres and urgent care facilities?

- How will all local NHS trusts remain financially sustainable and, in particular, able to fulfil the demands of being foundation trusts and meeting PFI payments?
- How will commissioners seek to engage with patients and the public in order to ensure that their views are considered and to build confidence in the new arrangements?