



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

[No.]

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 2 July 2007

Report Title: **"Developing World Class Primary Care in Haringey – A Consultation Document"**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): N/A

Report of: Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **N/A**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To receive a presentation on the draft Primary Care Strategy for Haringey and make comments, as appropriate.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1 N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the report and makes preliminary comments, as appropriate.
- 3.2 That further in depth consideration of the draft strategy be undertaken as part of the proposed scrutiny review on access to GPs.

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4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 4.1 None

5. Report

- 5.1 The draft Haringey Primary Care strategy sets out a long term vision of primary care services for Haringey. It puts the case for change, describes a model for service delivery and the methods for achieving this vision, including an overview of the financial strategy. The purpose of the document is to:
- Share the strategy with stakeholders
 - Get the views of local residents and patients about what a 'world class' primary care service would look like
 - Get the views of local residents and patients about where they would like to see these services delivered
 - Stimulate a lively debate that will inform the next steps in the process of improving local services.
- 5.2 The case for change includes meeting the needs of the growing population of Haringey addressing current service issues. These include unplanned variation in availability of GP services, clinical quality, suitability of premises, and integration of community health and pharmacy services. The strategy also takes into account what is already known about what patients want from primary care and attempts to ensure more appropriate use of services and resources. It draws on national strategy and the evidence of what works in primary care.
- 5.3 The delivery model includes plans to reduce the number of primary care premises over time and to create a network of super health centres/polyclinics across Haringey. The super health centres/polyclinics will aim to provide a wider range of services with better facilities and longer opening hours than existing primary care services and will bring some services that are currently provided in hospital closer to people. They will also offer opportunities for joint working with other community services. The strategy aims to complement the current Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.
- 5.4 A staged approach to delivery of the model is set out, with six super health centres/polyclinics planned for Haringey in ten years time. In five years time, there would be expected to be significant progress made towards establishing these six super health centres/polyclinics, supported by a small number of other primary care premises. Improvements will also be seen in planned care, urgent care and long term conditions management.
- 5.5 It is planned to underpin these proposed changes by developing new ways of delivering these services, for instance, telemedicine, expanding the role of community pharmacy, making greater use of electronic media, developing new contractual arrangements with GP and improving buildings and premises. A consultation period of three months has been set by the TPCT.
- 5.6 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have already agreed in principle to undertake a scrutiny on access to GPs. The review is highly likely to be looking at many of the same issues that are covered by the TPCT's draft strategy. As the primary care strategy will provide the vision which will guide local services and, in particular, those provided by GPs for at least the next decade, it

is recommended that the scrutiny review feed into this process in order that it is able to influence it in a meaningful way. The consultation period finishes on 19 October and the work of the scrutiny review panel will have to fit into this timescale. In view of the summer recess during August, this will be challenging a challenging deadline but is considered to be achievable. The PCT's Board will consider the overall responses to the consultation until its Board meeting on 28 November.

6. Equalities Implications

The TPCT's draft strategy aims to address health inequalities and ensure that all sections of the community are able to access good quality primary health care.

7. Consultation

The scrutiny review will involve an element of consultation with patient groups and the public. One possible option would be to work with Area Assemblies, who are a key part of the TPCT's consultation process. The TPCT will, in addition, be arranging other consultation and part of the scrutiny review's deliberations will include consideration of how the views of residents have been responded to by the TPCT.

Haringey TPCT Patient and Public Involvement Forum has arranged a consultative event on Thursday 5 July from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Cypriot Centre in Wood Green which will, amongst other matters, include discussion on the strategy. This event is open to the public and all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been invited to attend.

8. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

8.1 The consultation document is appended to this report.