

## **HARINGEY PRIMARY CARE TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MARCH 2015**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Following the setting up of a Primary Care Task and Finish Group in late 2014, a Strategic Plan and Options Appraisal for East Haringey has been commissioned, which is due to be completed in April 2015. The key aims of the Strategic Plan are to address primary care provision in specific regeneration areas of Haringey and to explore increasing the capacity of primary care services across the east of the borough in the short-term, particularly in the Tottenham Hale area. The Task and Finish Group was asked to report its interim findings at this March Board. The attached paper sets out progress to date but further progress will be provided in a verbal report at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### **2. PROGRESS TO DATE**

As discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2015, East Haringey is facing the dual challenge of large regeneration schemes and housing developments, together with significant concerns about the capacity and quality of primary care in East Haringey, particularly in the Tottenham Hale area, which has already seen considerable housing development in recent years.

At the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2015, NHS England reported that they had commissioned North London Estate Partnerships (NLEP) to undertake a Strategic Plan and Options Appraisal for East Haringey. This addresses two key areas:

- a. The first is the long-term need for increased primary care, having regard to the regeneration in the area. This Plan will involve an Options Appraisal and recommendations on where new primary care locations should be sited and how many new GPs (and other primary care staff) will be required. It will draw up timelines for when new primary care services will be required and involve the Council in identifying existing and new sites that will be suitable for new services identified.
- b. The second key area is the identification of short-term need. It is recognised that there are significant concerns about access to primary care in East Haringey. As presented to the January Board, whilst the Healthwatch report provided information that there was a

shortage of appointments in the east of the borough this does not always equate to a shortage of GPs. Therefore, in order to provide a complete, evidenced-based picture, making the case for investment specifically in Tottenham Hale, expertise from NLEP was required. Their role was to undertake a full needs assessment and capacity audit, to understand the gaps and to make the case for commissioning further primary care capacity in the area. The result will be a case for investment presented to NHS England's Finance, Investment, Procurement and Audit Committee (FIPA) in April 2015.

The Strategic Plan is being drawn up under very short timescales, having only commenced in January. Therefore, the interim conclusions are not available at the time of writing but will be available by 24<sup>th</sup> March and a full verbal report on NHS England's short-term commissioning plans will be provided at the Board meeting.

As part of the Strategic plan development a stakeholder engagement event occurred on 17th February 2015. During this meeting it was confirmed that three geographic areas required further in depth investigation in the second stage of NLEP's work. These areas were Tottenham Hale, High Road West and the Wood Green / Turnpike Lane area.

The next part of the process will involve:

- a. Confirming the levels of additional demand in each of these priority areas
- b. To what degree this demand can be met through current service provision
- c. Identifying potential new or existing sites which could house Primary Care in future and their feasibility to deliver what is required
- d. Recommending options for consideration by NHS England in collaboration with the CCG as part of co-commissioning arrangements.

At the January Board NHS England also committed to carry out compliance measures under the GP contract. Whilst not breaching the confidentiality of individual contract holders, NHS England can confirm that contractual action is currently being taken where concerns have been identified about practices in relation to primary care access.

### **3. STEPS AFTER HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

- a. To work with North London Estate Partnerships, to complete the Strategic Plan and Options Appraisal by April 2015
- b. A further report will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board after April 2015. This will report on progress and recommendations as a result of the Strategic Plan and Options Appraisal and progress through FIPA.