

**MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2008**

Councillors      Councillors Bull (Chair), Adamou (Vice-Chair), Aitken, Alexander, Dodds  
and Winskill

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>
<b>OSCO01.</b>	<p><b>WEBCASTING</b></p> <p>The meeting was webcast on the Council's website.</p>
<b>OSCO02.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Felicity Kally, Parent-Governor Representative.</p>
<b>OSCO03.</b>	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no such items.</p>
<b>OSCO04.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no such items.</p>
<b>OSCO05.</b>	<p><b>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>Although not formal deputations, the Chair agreed to requests to speak from Dave Morris, spokesman for the Stop Haringey Health Cuts Coalition, and from Doctor Helen Pelendries of the Evergreen House Surgery.</p>
<b>OSCO06.</b>	<p><b>DEVELOPMENTS IN HARINGEY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BY BARNET, ENFIELD AND HARINGEY MENTAL HEALTH TRUST</b></p> <p>The committee received a verbal update from Maria Kane, Acting Chief Executive and Lee Bojter, Service Director – Haringey of the Mental Health Trust on developments in mental health services within the borough.</p> <p>Members were informed of progress with the reconfiguration of Community mental health teams in Haringey, the development of plans to redevelop St Ann's Hospital and the Trust's application for foundation trust status. . It was noted that the Trust intended to submit the Strategic Outline Case and Integrated Business Plan for the redevelopment of St. Ann's in January 2009. There would be a wide consultation regarding plans for the site and an engagement manager would be appointed by the Trust to facilitate this process.</p> <p>It was noted that other Mental Health teams would be reconfigured in late October and information on this would be brought to the committee next month. The Mental Health Trust stated it was working</p>

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closely with the Primary Care Trust on its plans, and on resolving the issues that had been raised by commissioners in response to the Trust's application for foundation status. The committee noted that the Mental Health Trust's new board was due to be fully embedded by the end of the summer.

In response to Member requests, the Mental Health Trust stated that the project director would be paid a Band 9 salary of between £65,000 and £90,000 per annum. The Primary Care Trust informed the committee that it currently had no plans for changes with regard to the amount of services of commissioned from the Mental Health Trust.

The Trust reported that that a significant majority of respondents to their consultation on foundation status had been in favour of the proposals, although concerns had been raised by residents over the thoroughness of the exercise. It was agreed however there was consensus on the fact that some facilities at St. Ann's were no longer fit for purpose.

It was noted that a detailed discussion including a full spectrum assessment of Mental Health issues and input from residents would take place at the committee at the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008. This would incorporate discussion of the St Ann's Hospital redevelopment.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That it be noted that mental health partners would be reporting to the Committee at its meeting on 28 July on relevant mental health issues.
2. That the proposed redevelopment of St. Ann's Hospital be considered further as part of this discussion and that the Trust update the committee on their work on their consultation strategy in relation to this in due course.

**OSCO07.**

**PROPOSAL BY BARNET, ENFIELD AND HARINGEY MENTAL HEALTH TRUST TO RESTRUCTURE HARINGEY MENTAL HEALTH ACUTE CARE SERVICES**

The committee received this report to consider proposals by Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust to close an acute adult inpatient ward at St Ann's Hospital in order to allow reinvestment of resources into the Community Home Treatment Team and remaining inpatient wards.

The committee welcomed the fact that money saved from the proposed closure of the ward would be re-invested in mental health services within the Borough, in wards and/or in community services. The Mental Health Trust stated that they were pleased to be working alongside patients groups to ensure that the public would be engaged with the consultation when it began and as it progressed over the twelve week period. It was noted that no date had yet been identified

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	<p>for the commencement of the consultation process and the closure of the ward.</p> <p>The committee was of the opinion that the proposed changes constituted a 'substantial variation', and thus agreed to recognise them as such. It was further noted that wide and substantial consultation would be required on the item, and residents were encouraged to feed their views into the relevant Scrutiny Reviews being chaired by Cllr Aitken and Cllr Dodds.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That residents be encouraged to feed into the forthcoming scrutiny work on mental health related issues.</li><li>2. That the proposal by the Mental Health Trust be considered to constitute a "substantial variation" to services due to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Number of patients affected</li><li>➤ Changes to methods of service delivery</li></ul>and therefore subject to consultation under Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001.</li><li>3. That the intention of the MHT to initiate a 12 week formal period of consultation, following the drafting of an appropriate consultation document, be noted.</li><li>4. That the Committee give further and detailed consideration to the proposals and the making of an appropriate response to the consultation.</li></ol>
<p><b>OSCO08.</b></p>	<p><b>DEVELOPING WORLD CLASS PRIMARY CARE IN HARINGEY - HARINGEY TPCT PRIMARY CARE STRATEGY</b></p> <p>The committee received a report on the latest update of the Primary Care Strategy, and were appraised on developments by representatives from the Primary Care Trust.</p> <p>The TPCT recognised that there was still work to carry out with regard to the Strategy. Further formal consultation on the document was likely to take place in early 2009, with the desire being for the board to sign off the Strategy by the summer of that year. The Trust remained open to further significant changes to the strategy taking place prior to the final version, and re-iterated their commitment to ensuring that high quality primary care was accessible for all residents of the borough.</p> <p>In response to a query over the Council's Lymington Avenue site, the Trust stated that although they wished to create provision in the Wood Green area, they would not yet commit to any specific site. The PCT also agreed to provide a written response to Cllr Alexander's enquiries</p>

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over pharmacy planning.

The committee were addressed by Mr Dave Morris of the Stop Haringey Health Cuts Coalition. Concerns were raised over the nature of the consultation by the Primary Care Trust, and the scale of GP surgery closures which the strategy's implementation would entail. Concerns were also raised over healthcare being more vulnerable to privatisation. Mr Morris stated that there were enough 'triggers' for the committee to refer the strategy up to the Secretary of State. The PCT agreed to provide a response to the matters raised by Mr Morris, and the committee thanked him for his contribution.

The committee were then addressed by Dr Helen Pelendries of the Evergreen House Surgery. Dr Pelendries informed the committee of the specialist service in her practice, using multi-lingual staff to work with ethnic minority users. Attention was drawn to the incompatibility of the currently approach with the stated pledges of the Darzi review. She also raised concerns over the lack of consultation with GP practices themselves; while clinically-driven change to the provision of NHS services was not something to be objected to in itself, she felt that the perceived lack of consultation at a local level was a matter of concern. The committee thanked Dr Pelendries for her contribution.

The TPCT acknowledged there had been shortcomings in its consultation approach, and promised to attempt to improve in the future. They acknowledged that there was a difference between closing and relocating a surgery and insisted that they were not in the business of closing good premises.

The Committee and Primary Care Trust agreed to work together on further consultation, with the prospect of events such as a 'My Surgery, My Say' day being mooted. It was agreed that although many people felt uncomfortable with the proposed changes, referring the matter up to the Secretary of State would not be a positive course of action at this stage, particularly as the consultation had not yet been completed and the TPCT had not been given the opportunity to respond to its outcomes. The Trust agreed to co-operate with Overview & Scrutiny to engage fully with the community as the strategy continued to move forward.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the TPCT provide a written response to Cllr Alexander and the committee on pharmacy planning.
2. That the TPCT provide a written response to the points in the deputation material from Dave Morris.
3. That the committee note the contributions made at the meeting.
4. That the committee note that many people felt uncomfortable

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	<p>with the proposed changes.</p> <p>5. That the committee note that more consultation was required.</p> <p>6. That proposals for further consultation be discussed between Overview &amp; Scrutiny and the Primary Care Trust.</p>	
<b>OSCO09.</b>	<b>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</b>  There were no such items.	
<b>OSCO10.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>  Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> April and 28 <sup>th</sup> April were deferred to the meeting of 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2008.	

COUNCILLOR GIDEON BULL

Chair