

# **Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of meeting: 28 January 2010**

**Subject: North East London Health Services – Consultation Document**

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

- (1) To consider the approach and areas of questioning at the March 2010 meeting;**
- (2) To consider which connected organisations should be asked to participate in the debate in addition to the West Essex PCT representative; and**
- (3) To consider whether the next meeting should be held at a venue in the local affected area.**

## **Report:**

1. (Senior Democratic Services Officer) The Council is now in receipt of the formal consultation document on the future healthcare in the North East London. The consultation period ends on 8 March 2010. The proposals will mean changes to the location and range of services provided through the six hospitals in the North East London area. Although in London, many residents in the south of the District access these services.
2. It has been previously agreed that this Committee would look at the consultation and consider whether to make a formal response before the end of the consultation period. Arrangements have been made for the Deputy Director of the West Essex PCT to attend the meeting in March to discuss the impact of the proposals.
3. The consultation document can be accessed from:  
[www.heathforneel.nhs.uk](http://www.heathforneel.nhs.uk)
4. At this meeting members are asked to consider:
  - (i) Areas of questioning for the March meeting;
  - (ii) Whether they wish to invite other connected organisations to attend in March (it is suggested that a representative of the Essex County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be invited;
  - (iii) Whether arrangements should be made to hold the meeting locally to the area affected.

## **Summary proposals**

5. A table showing a summary of the proposals is shown as Annex 1 to this report. The consultation document should be read in conjunction as it outlines the clinical reasoning behind the changes. The main changes would appear to be removal of A & E, simple surgery and maternity Services from King George's Hospital and complex surgery (including vascular

surgery) would no longer be undertaken at Whipps Cross Hospital which will be centred on the Royal London and Queens Hospitals.

6. For background, the consultation seeks views on specific questions which are reproduced at Annex 2 to this report. It is proposed that any response be formulated at the March meeting. Officers will seek areas of questioning from members via the Bulletin in the usual way.

# A summary of our proposals

The following chart shows all the services that this consultation aims to improve. Stroke and trauma services have already been consulted upon.

Hospital \ Service	Community health and social care	Urgent care services	A&E, critical care support & acute surgical & medical treatment	Children's services			Maternity delivery	Simple planned surgery	Complex Vascular surgery	Stroke unit		Trauma	
				Assessment & treatment	Simple surgery	Complex surgery				Hyper acute stroke unit	Stroke unit	Major trauma	Trauma
Royal London	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	*	✓✓	
Homerton	✓	✓✓	✓	*	✓		✓✓	✓			✓✓	✓✓	
Newham	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✗	✓✓	*			✓✓	✓✓	
Queen's	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	
King George	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓	✗		✗	✓✓	✗				
Whipps Cross	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✗	✓✓	✓	✗		✓✓	✓✓	

Barts does not provide these services. It currently provides centralised specialised cardiac and cancer services and some other core services.

Proposals would result in...

✓✓ Significant improvement of services

✓ Improvement of services

✗ Services no longer provided – significant reduction

✗ Services no longer provided – minor reduction

\* Service is already best in class so requires minimal improvement

Blank boxes in the table indicate no service at present and no change proposed