

REPORT

BARTS AND EAST LONDON HEALTHCARE MERGER PROJECT.

I attended a presentation regarding the proposed Merger of Barts and the London NHS Trust, Whipps Cross university Hospital NHS Trust and Newham University Hospital NHS Trust on 15th September 2011 held at West Ham United Hotel at Green Street London E13.

The merger project anticipates an ambition to sustain and develop world-class healthcare services for local people in East London. The constituent hospitals would keep their individual names.

The new trust would be large enough to invest in a range of new initiatives that will bring better education, more jobs and greater prosperity.

I was pleased to see this a vision for the future. The vision is to offer acute, specialist and community services that are tailored to meet the needs of its local communities and to be recognised locally, nationally and internationally for outstanding clinical services, research and education. There will be better focus on medicine, care and science. There will be opportunity to take advantage of the new developments in healthcare and technology and also to invest in research and specialised services that would otherwise be uneconomic for one trust.

The merger journey is as follows.

- Full Business case submission and decision making: November / December 2011.
- Submission to NHS transaction board / Secretary of State: December 2011.
- Proposed merger date: April 2012.
- Foundation trust application 2013.
- Foundation trust authorisation: March 2014.

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