

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2011**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Donald McGowan (Cabinet Member for Older People and Adult Social Services) (Chairman), Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services) and Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council)

ABSENT Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance, Facilities and Human Resources)

OFFICERS: Andrew Fraser (Director of Schools & Children's Services), Ray James (Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care) and Bindi Nagra (Joint Chief Commissioning Officer), Dr Shahed Ahmad (Director of Public Health), Jacqui Hurst (Secretary)

Also Attending: One Member of the public

**1
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance, Facilities and Human Resources) and Rob Leak (Chief Executive).

**2
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from members of the Sub-Committee.

Dr Shahed Ahmad (Director of Public Health) advised Members that his wife had recently been appointed to a joint post covering Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals and University College Hospital.

**3
URGENT ITEMS**

NOTED that the reports listed on the agenda had been circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Amendment Regulations 2002. These requirements state that agendas and reports should be circulated at least 5 clear days in advance of meetings.

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BARNET, ENFIELD AND HARINGEY (BEH) CLINICAL STRATEGY REVIEW UPDATE

Councillor Don McGowan (Cabinet Member for Older People, Health and Adult Social Care) introduced the report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.223) providing an update on the review of the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.

NOTED the content of the report and the following issues in particular,

1. the outcome from the meeting with the Secretary of State on 10 March 2011 for the Council to lead on the development of alternative proposals to the closure of the 24 hour A & E and maternity unit at Chase Farm Hospital;
2. the range of communication channels to seek views, new ideas and alternatives within Enfield;
3. the timescale for response to the Secretary of State for Health and the final decision resting with the Secretary of State;
4. Ray James (Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care) provided Members with a comprehensive summary of the actions and engagement activities which had taken place, as detailed in the report, and following the report's publication. The issues covered included the following:
 - The Council had set up an on-line BLOG which had received approximately 76 comments
 - Comment boxes in libraries had resulted in 60 responses
 - All comments received were currently being collated and analysed
 - A stakeholder meeting had taken place with 45 representatives from local groups being in attendance
 - A public meeting had been held at Kingsmead School which had been attended by approximately 140 people, providing an opportunity for public views to be fully expressed.
 - A number of conversations and meetings had taken place with clinicians, GPs and health experts to gather views.
 - A meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board had taken place earlier today.
 - The full range of data received was now being gathered and would help to form the Council's submission to the Secretary of State. It was noted that the original deadline for response of 7 April had now been extended to 19 April 2011 but the Council aim to have the submission made by early next week.
 - In response to questions from Members, Ray James summarised the views which had been expressed by local GPs

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and Clinicians on the future provision of services in the Borough both in regard to maternity services and A & E provision.

- The funding arrangements in place for junior doctors' training programmes.
 - The recognised need for improvement in primary care services and health service provision within the community.
5. that the Sub-Committee was asked to delegate responsibility for signing off the final submission to the Secretary of State for Health to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Older People, Health and Adult Social Care), the decision below refers:
6. the written submission which had been received from the Save Chase Farm Group commenting on Report No.223. In response to the comments received it was noted that the clinicians in attendance at the public meeting, held at Kingsmead School, had been asked to allow maximum time for public views to be expressed, and therefore did not speak.

Alternative Options Considered: None stated, report for information.

DECISION: The Health Cabinet Sub-Committee agreed to delegate responsibility for signing off the final submission to the Secretary of State for Health to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Older People, Health and Adult Social Care.

Reason: To advise the Sub-Committee of the progress of the review of the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.
(Non-key)

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HEALTH SERVICES TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS UPDATE

Councillor Don McGowan (Cabinet Member for Older People, Health and Adult Social Care) introduced the report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.224) providing an update on progress with the transformation of local health structures.

NOTED

1. the progression of the overarching section 75 Partnership Agreement, the update on the recruitment to the post of Joint Chief Commissioning Officer and Borough Director and the development of the Enfield GP Consortium; and
2. the initial list of key priorities for the Chief Joint Commissioning Officer as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report and the proposal to use the funding currently being transferred by the NHS to the Council for 2011/12 to support these priorities;

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3. an update on the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board;
4. the proposed new governance arrangements for approval of joint strategies, by the council as detailed in paragraph 9 of the report;
5. the Risk Assessment of the transitional arrangements;
6. Bindi Nagra (Joint Chief Commissioning Officer) outlined for Members' consideration the detail of the report and drew attention to the following issues:
 - The update provided on the recruitment to the post of Enfield Borough Director as set out in section 4 of the report;
 - Bindi Nagra had been appointed to the post of Joint Chief Commissioning Officer, as detailed in section 5 of the report. Members' attention was drawn to the key priorities for the future, referred to in paragraph 5.3 of the report.
 - The future of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in section 5 of the report. Further information would be presented to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee for consideration. Forthcoming legislation could change current expectations. In response to a question from Members, the structure and membership of the current Board was outlined.
 - With regard to the GP Consortium, section 7 of the report, it was noted that the application to become a pathfinder pilot had been successful. Members noted the funding that would be forthcoming for development and training provision.
 - The development of Section 75 Partnership Agreements as set out in section 8 of the report.
 - Members discussed the proposed future governance arrangements for the approval of joint commissioning strategies as set out in section 9 of the report. Any changes required to the Council's Constitution would need to be agreed by the Governance Review Group and full Council.
7. that the joint commissioning arrangements also included an element of Children's Services which should have been addressed within the report. Members were assured of the joint work which was being undertaken with Children's Services and in particular the safeguarding issues which had been addressed with the Primary Care Trust. Further joint work would continue;
8. the current and future role of the Health and Wellbeing Board as detailed above. Further discussions would be required at future appropriate meetings to determine the way forward. There were still a number of issues to be debated.

Alternative Options Considered: None stated.

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DECISION: The Health Cabinet Sub-Committee agreed to

1. approve the initial list of key priorities for the Chief Joint Commissioning Officer as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report and, agree the use of funding currently being transferred by the NHS to the Council for 2011/12 to support these priorities;
2. approve the proposed new governance arrangements for approval of joint strategies, by the Council as detailed in section 9 of the report.

Reason: Use of the Health Act flexibilities to establish integrated commissioning and joint services and senior posts would facilitate a number of issues, as set out in section 11 of the report.

(Non-key)

6

UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES

Councillor Don McGowan (Cabinet Member for Older People, Health and Adult Social Care) introduced the report of the Director of Public Health (No.225) providing an update on Public Health changes and identifying the key priorities for the Public Health Function.

NOTED

1. the content of the report and the priorities and reports listed in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report;
2. that the Borough's breast screening rates had risen to 69%. Enfield was now the best performing Borough in North Central London. Now that targets were being met, consideration would also be given to promoting early awareness of breast cancer;
3. that the Public Health Department had now moved to the Civic Centre, paragraph 4.4 of the report referred;
4. the current situation with regard to the ring fenced public health budget for 2012/13 and the public health budget for 2011/12 as detailed in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 of the report. It was noted that historically Enfield had not received a generous allocation;
5. in response to Members' questions, the role and responsibilities of Locality Boards in the Borough, paragraph 4.7 referred, were discussed in detail. There were 3 locality boards based in Edmonton Leaside, North East Enfield and South West Enfield. The Boards would be considering public health priorities and delivery mechanisms. Joint working and engagement with relevant agencies would be sought to encourage local service delivery. Further development work would continue;

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6. the proposed key priorities and proposed delivery targets for the coming year as detailed in paragraphs 4.9 and 5 of the report. The priorities represented realistic and achievable targets;
7. a discussion took place on further potential targets and priorities, which would be dependant on the budget allocation received by Enfield. Such issues included awareness raising for prostate and bowel cancer and for cancer in general. The continuation of child health issues such as obesity, infant mortality and teenage pregnancy. Targeting adult obesity through increased physical activity. Further discussions would take place and joint work would continue.

Alternative Options Considered: None.

Reason: Priorities and targets based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and performance monitor of activity during 2010/11.
(Non-key)

7 MINUTES

AGREED that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health Cabinet Sub-Committee held on 16 February 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the date of the next meeting of the Health Cabinet Sub-Committee was to be confirmed and would be subject to the approval of the Council's calendar of meetings for the new municipal year 2011/12.