

Report to Enfield Health and Wellbeing Board

Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust Vanguard bid

At the start of October NHS England announced that the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust was one of 13 successful bidders to become vanguard sites. Following the launch of the NHS Forward View, which looks at what change is needed over the next five years, NHS England invited individual organisations or partnerships of trusts to apply to become vanguard sites.

These sites were chosen on the basis of their plans for changing the way healthcare will be delivered in the future, which may attract funding to accelerate the development and implement of the plans. Successful approaches to change may then be rolled out to the wider NHS.

At the end of July, the trust submitted a vanguard bid to become the heart of a group that other organisations will want to collaborate with. This bid was successful, allowing us to consider options including buddying, merging specific office functions and other innovative models such as joint clinical and corporate ventures.

The key benefits of this approach are that it would reduce the variation patients can experience in care, increase efficiency and can be delivered at reduced cost to the healthcare economy.

Potential partners will be identified as the proposal is developed, but the trust plans to work with Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to develop plans for a group model.

The trust will be happy to provide future updates to the board as more detailed proposals are developed.