

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Title: Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Update	
Report of the Director of Law and Governance and Human Resources	
Open Report	For information
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Summary: This report updates the Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) on the issues that were discussed at the last meeting of the Outer North East London (ONEL) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC), held on 9 July 2019. A weblink to the full minutes of the meeting is provided at the end of this report.	
Recommendations The HSC is recommended to note the update.	
Reason To keep the HSC updated on issues discussed at JHOSC meetings.	

1. Introduction and background

1.1 The Outer North-East London JHOSC is a discretionary joint committee made up of three health scrutiny members representing each of the following local authorities to scrutinise health matters that cross local authority boundaries:

- Barking & Dagenham
- Havering
- Redbridge and
- Waltham Forest.

(The Essex County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is permitted to appoint one member to the JHOSC).

1.2 As agreed by the HSC at its meeting on 25 June 2019, the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's representatives on the JHOSC for 2018/19 are Councillors Keller, P Robinson and M Khan.

Four JHOSC meetings are usually held per municipal year and are chaired and hosted by each constituent authority on a rota basis. This report covers the matters that were discussed at the last meeting of the JHOSC which was on 9 July 2019 at

Barking Town Hall. The next meeting will be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at Havering Town Hall.

A joint meeting of the ONEL JHOSC and the Inner North East London JHOSC to primarily, discuss the work of the East London Health and Care Partnership (which was originally scheduled to take place on 18 September 2019) has been rescheduled to 4.00pm on 30 October 2019, in Stratford Town Hall.

2. Matters discussed at the meetings of the JHOSC held on 9 July 2019

2.1 East London Health and Care Partnership (ELHCP) Update

2.1.1 Representatives of the ELHCP explained that the Partnership covered 8 Councils and 12 NHS organisations. The Partnership's Long-Term Plan for the next 4-5 years was currently being evaluated and aimed to make integrated care a reality. Primary care networks had already been established as well as an integrated care system, focussing on prevention. Cancer and digital work streams remained priorities and a lot of engagement work on the Long-Term Plan was taking place at borough level, including Healthwatch organisations being commissioned to undertake surveys at. Following submission of the Long-Term Plan to the Department of Health, it was planned to bring this to the JHOSC at a future meeting. The ELHCP has also scheduled a second key engagement event for 16 October 2019.

2.2 Cancer Services

2.2.1 Barking, Havering & Redbridge University Hospitals Trust representatives provided an update on the issues that arose from ongoing discussions around the changes to cancer services at the Trust, which included the following:

- The providers of the A & E reception service had received clarification around the use of 'red cards' for patients undergoing chemotherapy;
- Overall feedback from patients using the chemotherapy suite was good;
- The introduction of fake skylights in part of the ward as a result of a lack of natural lighting had led to some improvement;
- Parking for cancer services had been an issue whilst a clinical diagnostic unit had been parked in part of the cancer services car park, following a fire. This had now been resolved and more patient parking was available. All cancer patients were assessed for transport needs; and
- Chemotherapy patients could also access 24:7 support from oncology nurses which often avoided the need to attend A & E.

2.2.2 Members made comments around:

- Issues around the rebooking of oncology appointments;
- The lack of public consultation on the removal of chemotherapy services from King George Hospital;
- A possible audit of the incidence of sepsis among chemotherapy patients and of the demand for chemotherapy services over the next ten years;
- The lack of diversity of users of the Cedar Centre; and
- Details of the friends and family test scores for cancer services.

2.2.3 The Trust responded that efforts were in progress to disseminate information on the Cedar Centre services to patients and a refurbishment of the area was planned; the Trust wished for the Cedar Centre to be one of the best cancer hubs in the UK. BHRUT cancer services had one of the highest patient satisfaction scores in the Trust.

2.3 Estates Update

2.3.1 The Committee was advised that there was currently a constrained capital environment and CCG budgets, but it was possible that some additional capital may be made available in the spending review. Current policy was that the receipts from the sale of NHS property assets were retained centrally, unless the vendor was a Foundation Trust. Members requested copies of the original bids and confirmation of who had signed the bids on behalf of the relevant Local Authorities.

2.4 Amendments to Committee's Terms of Reference

2.4.1 A report before the Committee proposed some amendments to the Committee's terms of reference in light of the recent decision by the London Borough of Waltham Forest to reduce its representation on the Committee from three Members to one. Some minor amendments to reflect recent changes to health service structures were also recommended. The changes were agreed.

4. Implications

4.1 There are no legal or financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

Minutes of the JHOSC meeting held on 9 July 2019:

<http://democracy.havering.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=273&MId=6352&Ver=4>

List of appendices:

None.