

## THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

### HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4 JULY 2012

#### REPORT FROM THE TRI-BOROUGH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

#### SHAPING A HEALTHIER FUTURE – UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to update Members on “Shaping a healthier future” the programme to reorganise healthcare in North West London.

Members might wish to consider holding a special health HEHASC scrutiny committee to examine the proposals.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

## 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 “Shaping a healthier future”<sup>1</sup> is the programme to reorganise healthcare in North West London, including changing the number and functions of the major hospital sites. This will include reducing the number of sites offering A&E and Maternity services. The principles are broadly:

- More care, especially for people with long term conditions, should be delivered at home to a standard and reliability that reduces the need for hospital care;
- Hospitals should be the right scale to do what they do well, and this requires greater specialisation on fewer sites;
- Resources should be used more productively – achieving higher productivity per clinician, per bed and per unit of NHS service.

## 2. CONSULTATION

2.1 NHS North West London is producing a consultation document for proposals in the North West London area. The consultation is currently planned to start on 2 July 2012 (The final decision on the starting consultation will be made at the Joint Committee of PCTs on 25 June).

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<sup>1</sup> Shaping a healthier future

<http://www.northwestlondon.nhs.uk/shapingahealthierfuture/>

- 2.2 Changes are likely to affect the mix of services delivered from both St. Mary's and Chelsea and Westminster hospitals.
- 2.3 It is planned that copies of the consultation document will be made available for this Scrutiny Committee meeting on 4 July.

### **3. JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 Members of the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have met informally, in shadow form, on 4 April, 17 May and 12 June to discuss arrangements for the operation of the JHOSC.
- 3.2 NHS North West London expect the consultation document to be ready to send out from 2 July to JHOSC members, Committee Chairs (where not members of JHOSC) and officers.
- 3.3 The first formal meeting is planned for 12 July at Kensington Town Hall.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this policy update.
- 4.2 Members might wish to consider the possibility of holding a special health HEHASC scrutiny committee to examine the proposals for NHS reconfiguration in North West London.

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

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