London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

CABINET



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H&F REPONSE TO THE DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN FOR NORTH WEST LONDON

Report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care : Councillor Vivienne Lukey

Open Report

Classification - For Decision

Key Decision: No

Wards Affected: N/A

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Coalition of CCGs for North West London is consulting on its draft Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). Attached is a draft response to this plan from H&F Council.
- 1.2. Other councils within the North West London footprint, including Ealing, have been taking the STP through their own decision making processes during October and November. It is understood that the decision being taken in other Councils is whether support in principle can be given to the STP October submission, with this support being subject to receiving subsequent clarity on the impact of plans including the funding transfer to local government and the out of hospital strategy.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONs**

2.1. That the Council agrees the draft response to the STP.

2.2. That the Council agrees to append the Review of the STP, researched and written by Roger Steer, John Lister and Sean Boyle, to the H&F response.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

3.1. The STP sets out proposals for the future of health and social care services across North West London for the next five years and beyond. Local authorities and the wider public are being consulted on these proposals, which include the downgrading of acute hospital services, affecting Charing Cross and Ealing hospitals in particular. This response sets out the Council's long established position in defending Charing Cross and Ealing Hospitals as set out in the Independent Mansfiled Heathcare Commission.

4. PROPOSAL AND ISSUES

- 4.1. NHS England has initiated the development of STPs across all 44 regions of the country. As a plan for the future of health and social care services, the North West London STP has incorporated the CCGs' plans for acute hospital services, as previously set out under the Shaping a Healthier Future programme.
- 4.2. H&F Council is supportive of the expansion of out-of-hospital services but is wholly opposed to the reduction in bedspaces and downgrading of A&E services at Charing Cross and Ealing hospitals. The attached draft response sets out this position.

5. OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

5.1. After the draft STP was circulated on 30 June, H&F and Ealing Councils jointly commissioned an assessment and critique of the Plan. This was completed in early October and the report is attached as Appendix 2. It is proposed that this report be appended to the H&F response to the STP and submitted to the Coalition of CCGs.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1. The Coalition of North West London CCGs held a public consultation meeting on the STP for H&F residents at the St Pauls Centre on 3rd October, where the Leader of the Council and some 50 or so local residents expressed their views on the draft Plan and the future of health and social care services in the borough.

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. There are no direct equality implications arising from the Council's draft response to the STP but there may be equality implications arising from any decision to close bedspaces or downgrade services at Ealing and/or Charing Cross hospital.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. The requirements in respect of the timing and content of Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) are set out in Delivering the Forward View: NHS Planning Guidance 2016.
- 8.2. There are no direct legal implications for the purposes of this report.
- 8.3. Implications verified /completed by: Kevin Beale, Senior Corporate Lawyer, tel. 020 8753 2740.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the Council's response to the STP but the financial implications for the Council from the implementation of the STP itself are unknown at this stage as the financial modelling data is still being worked on by the North West London (NWL) STP finance teams.
- 9.2. The STP was initially presented to local authorities as a means to access care budgets through NHS transformation funding. When H&F and Ealing refused to sign up to the STP it was suggested that this might affect decisions on funding allocations to those boroughs. Subsequent statements by NHS officials, however, have clearly stated that this is not the case. The latest statement to this effect was made by the Accountable Officer for the NWL Coalition of CCGs at a public consultation on the draft STP at the St Pauls Centre on 3 October.
- 9.3. Implications verified/completed by: Hitesh Jolapara, Strategic Finance Director, tel. 020 8753 2501.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	Sustainability and Transformation Plan for North West London - published	Peter Smith x2206	Delivery and Value

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: LBHF Response to the STP Appendix 2: Review of Shaping a Healthier Future and the North West London STP