# Access to Health Care Facilities Task Force 26.2.09

# LondonTravelWatch

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# Secretariat memorandum

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#### Action taken

# 1 Purpose of report

1.1 To record matters dealt with by the Chair, Deputy Chair, the Chief Executive and/or the secretariat relating to issues within the remit of the task force since its last meeting.

#### 2 Information

2.1 Camden Primary Care Trust (PCT)

On 26 November 2008 the Chair wrote to Carrie Frain, Acting Logistics Officer, Camden PCT, further to the discussion of the Royal Free Hospital transport issues at the meeting on 10.11.08

#### 2.2 'A Picture of Health'

On 19 February 2009 the Director, Research and Development, attended the IRP for 'A Picture of Health', covering Hospital/Health services in South East London. At the meeting he emphasised the need to plan for transport whilst planning services, and that it is not just the journeys to major facilities that need consideration, but also those to local facilities such as polyclinics.

### 3 Equalities and inclusion implications

3.1 In accordance with London TravelWatch's duties under the Disability Discrimination Act and other legislation, account is taken when responding to consultations on proposals from external bodies of their particular impact (if any) on the needs of people whose access to transport may be restricted by reason of disability or social exclusion.

#### 4 Legal powers

4.1 Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) a duty to consider - and where it appears to the Committee to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to - any matter affecting the functions of the Greater London Authority or Transport for London which relate to transport (other than of freight). Section 252A of the same Act (as amended by Schedule 6 of the Railways Act 2005) places a similar duty upon the Committee to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public in relation to railway passenger and station services provided wholly or partly within the London railway area, and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

# 5 Financial implications

5.1 No specific financial implications for London TravelWatch arise from this report.

#### 6 Recommendation

6.1 That the report is received for information.