
Secretariat memorandum

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Update on access to previously visited Health Care Facilities

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update members on progress regarding access issues at a number of healthcare sites previously discussed by London TravelWatch.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 The table at Annex A sets out healthcare sites in alphabetical order, with an outline of any planned work which will impact on access. Members have previously seen the first three columns : the fourth gives a brief summary of work London TravelWatch has been doing or other progress.

3 Equalities, inclusion and financial implications

- 3.1 Access to hospitals and major healthcare centres is a key equality issue, recognised by the Government's Social Inclusion Unit report: 'Making the Connections' and the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. Adopting the recommendations made in this report will contribute to promoting equality of access to NHS services.

4 Legal powers

- 4.1 Section 252A of the Greater London Authority Act places a duty upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public, where inadequate public transport access is creating problems for patients, carers and/or staff and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the report is received for information.

Annex A, Access to healthcare sites update AH13

Site	Plan	Comments on plan	Latest position
Barnet	Relocation of services to new NHS facility. Ongoing issues about potential reorganisation.	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to most parts of catchment area.	To be visited
Bromley / Farnborough PRUH	Relocation of services to new NHS facility	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to most parts of catchment area. Lack of consultation with transport providers / authorities	TfL tell us that there is some active dialogue. We have contributed to A Picture of Health.
Central Middlesex	Relocation of services to new NHS facility	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to parts of catchment area.	There seem many bus services. Travel Plan needs to supply catchment details etc. so a proper dialogue with TfL can be had. We have contributed to a Brent council scrutiny.
Chase Farm	Ongoing issues about potential reorganisation.	Existing site always problematic for public transport access	Issues remain – we have contributed to the IRP and the transport group set up to address issues.
Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford	Relocation of services to new NHS facility, and patient choice decision by GPs to switch to hospital outside London	Validity of Freedom Passes to reach out of London facility	To be visited
Ealing		Access issues from adjacent streets	There is progress on a pedestrian crossing of the main road, but issues remain.
Kingston		Access issues from adjacent streets	Some issues have been improved, but our report found there remain concerns – letter sent to PCT.
Mayday Hospital, Croydon		Accessibility from parts of catchment area	To be visited

North Middlesex	Relocation of services to new NHS facility. Ongoing issues about potential reorganisation.	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to parts of catchment area.	To be visited?
Northwick Park	Relocation of services to new NHS facility	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to most parts of catchment area.	There is some positive action on the issues of this hospital – good travel plan and possible relocation of bus stop closer to the hospital.
Queen's, Romford	Relocation of services to new NHS facility. Ongoing issues about potential reorganisation.	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to most parts of catchment area.	To be visited.
Royal Free Hampstead		Access issues from northern part of catchment area	These remain. The hospital needs a quality travel plan so that it can negotiate with TfL.
St. George's Tooting		Site management issues and accessibility to buses	To be visited
Sutton / St. Helier / Epsom	Relocation of services to new NHS facility	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to most parts of catchment area. Lack of consultation with transport providers / authorities.	To be visited
Woolwich Queen Elizabeth	Relocation of services to new NHS facility	New location remote from existing frequent PT services to most parts of catchment area	This is historical – new services have been developed.