

25 October 2013

Dear Cllr Vaughan

**Specialist cancer and cardiovascular services in north and east London and west Essex:
the case for change**

Following our meeting in September I am writing on behalf of NHS England to update you on the review of specialised cancer and cardiovascular services in north and east London and west Essex.

NHS England, together with CCG partners, will now be engaging with local people on clinicians' recommendations for improving these services.

Most care for these diseases would continue to be provided locally, for highly specialist services clinicians want to bring together expertise to provide better care and save more lives. Their vision is to create world-class specialist centres that work with other hospitals in the area to provide a comprehensive system of care.

As commissioners, we will be publishing a case for change and starting to engage with a range of stakeholders including the public, patients and staff to gather views on the clinical recommendations, and to inform the development of a business case, and period of any further engagement. The engagement will run from 28 October to 4 December 2013.

In the meantime, we wanted to share an embargoed copy of the case for change and let you know details of upcoming events. I would be very grateful if you could circulate this email and the attached document to members of the committee.

NHS England will also be considering with the existing Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Inner North East, Outer North East and North Central London) in respect of which recommendations, if any, constitute a substantial variation of services, and the extent of involvement under section 242 of the Health Act 2006. If a formal consultation is not required, NHS England would undertake a further period of formal engagement around the preferred options.

If a formal consultation is required then in the new Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, where an NHS body/health service provider service change impacts on more than one local authority's area and it has to consult more than one local authority, those local authorities must appoint a single joint overview and scrutiny committee for the purposes of the consultation for the area affected. In this case, the area affected would be the London Boroughs in north and east London plus Westminster, west Essex and Hertfordshire.

The scale and duration of any formal engagement or consultation would be agreed with the affected boroughs.

We look forward to presenting the proposals at the next Inner North East London JHOSC meeting on 20 November. In the meantime, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or attend any individual HOSC meeting.

We are also holding local engagement events to give people an opportunity to find out more about the proposals.

- Tuesday 12 November, 1.30-3.30pm, Harlow Leisurezone Conference Room, Second Avenue, Harlow, CM20 3DT
- Wednesday 13 November, 5.30-7.30pm, Romford Central Library, St. Edwards Way, Town Centre Romford, RM1 3AR
- Monday 18 November, 6-8pm, Main Hall, The Old Town Hall, 29 Broadway, Stratford, E15 4BQ
- Tuesday 19 November, 3-5pm, Green Towers Community Centre, 7 Plevna Road, Edmonton, N9 0BU
- Monday 25 November, 6-8pm, Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, London, WC1H 9AU

Comments can be made until 4 December in one of the following ways:

Visiting: www.england.nhs.uk/london/engmt-consult
Emailing: cancerandcardiovascular@nelcsu.nhs.uk
Telephoning: 020 3688 1086
Writing to: Cancer and cardiovascular programmes
c/o North and East London Commissioning Support Unit
Clifton House, 75-77 Worship Street, London EC2A 2DU

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself by emailing neil.kennett-brown@nelcsu.nhs.uk or by calling 020 3688 1222.

Yours sincerely

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