

Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27 May 2015

Barts Health Trust in Special Measures

Item No

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Outline

On 17 March 2015 the Trust Development Authority announced that whole of Barts Health NHS Trust would be placed into Special Measures. This was following the publication of a CQC inspection report on Whipps Cross Hospital which found a number of failings, rated it as 'inadequate' and issued it with four warning notices. A new dedicated management team was put in place at Whipps Cross.

Around this time the Chief Nurse, the Chairman and the Chief Executive of Barts Trust announced their departures. An interim Chair and Chief Nurse are currently in place and a new Chief Executive is being recruited.

On the week of 18 May the CQC will be publishing further inspection reports on Newham Hospital and on the Royal London Hospital. These will be circulated to Members as soon as they are in the public domain. The HOSC Chairs have been invited by the CQC to the two Quality Summits prior to the publication of these reports.

Members are requested to consider the following:

- 1) Briefing from Barts Health 'Whipps Cross Hospital - CQC inspection report and improvement plan' (attached)
- 2) CQC Report on Whipps Cross (attached)
- 3) CQC Report on Newham Hospital (to follow)
- 4) CQC Report on Royal London (to follow)

At the meeting Barts executives will provide a verbal update on the overall situation at the Trust as well as answering questions on the reports above. So far, confirmed to attend are:

Peter Morris, Chief Executive
Dr Steve Ryan, Chief Medical Officer
Jan Stevens, Interim Chief Nurse
Simon Harrod, Medical Director, Royal London
Jo Carter, Stakeholder Relations Manager

Also invited to the meeting is:

Hayley Marle, Inspections Manager North East and Central London,
Hospitals Inspection Directorate, CQC London Region

In addition to the scrutiny undertaken by the individual Health Scrutiny Committees (HOSCs), the INEL Committee has taken an ongoing interest in the situation at Barts Health and we've had the following items at INEL:

12 February 2015 – Transforming Services Together programme
20 November 2014 – Improving quality at Barts Health
11 September 2014 – Transforming Services Changing Lives programme
17 February 2014 – CQC Chief Inspector of Hospitals report
20 November 2013 – the Trust being put in financial turnaround.
29 May 2013 – 2012/12 Quality Account

The 5 hospitals which comprise Barts Health NHS Trust and the services they offer cover the 4 INEL boroughs and Waltham Forest. Waltham Forest however is a member of ONEL JHOSC (Outer NE London) and Barts issues are discussed there but its Scrutiny Chair(s) are invited to this meeting when there are Barts Trust items.

ACTION

The Committee is requested to give consideration to the briefings and make any recommendations as necessary.