



Report to Scrutiny

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Subject of Report: Considering Access to Healthcare Services- Bus Planning

Meeting: Scrutiny Review Panel 2- Transport
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Brief: This Report constitutes a review of Transport for London (TfL) bus routes to North West London Hospitals; Ealing hospital, Central Middlesex hospital, West Middlesex hospital, and Northwick Park hospital in light of pending implementation of the NHS' Shaping a Healthier Future (SAHF) reform programme.

Recommendations:

1. To note bus service planning and provision (number and routes) to North West London hospitals
2. To determine and comment on the adequacy of bus service provision to North West London hospitals
3. To consider actions that TfL and the NHS should take to ensure effective access to hospitals via buses

1. Introduction

The NHS' *Shaping a Healthier Future* (SaHF) will significantly impact hospital service provision throughout Northwest London, and of critical importance will be the accessibility of hospitals via public transport, especially as relates to bus service provision. TfL and the NHS have a responsibility to ensure that there is adequate bus service provision to hospitals, adapted where necessary to accommodate usage demand owing to specific NHS services being only available at or transferred to particular hospitals. The objective is that people needing health care should not be inconvenienced or have their health problems compounded by stressful and long journeys.

The importance of the matter is underscored by the following:-

- the Greater London Authority's (GLA) Transport Committee at its meeting on Wednesday, 13th November, outlined that there needed to be a link between "re-organisation of NHS with transport/bus routes" and advised that it was likely to review the matter in Spring 2014
- SaHF has identified out of necessity "Transport" as one of its "Implementation Workstreams"

This Report outlines TfL's actions and plans regarding bus transport access to hospitals in the North West London region as outlined by the attached Appendix- "*Considering Access to Healthcare Services- Bus Planning*".

2. Legal Implications

None arising directly from this report though in the event of recommendations being directed to a decision making body these would be accompanied with full legal implications.

3. Financial Implications

Support to the scrutiny panels is contained within allocated budgets. Value for money will be achieved through early and effective planning of the Panel's work programme. In the event of recommendations being directed to a decision making body these would be accompanied with full financial implications.

4. Other Implications

None

5. Background Papers

None

Pre-publication sign-off

Name	Department	Date sent	Date response received	Comments appear in report paragraph:
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Keith Fraser	Head of Scrutiny & Committees	04/02/14	04/02/14	
Cllr Swaran Padda	Panel Chair	04/02/14	04/02/14	
Cllr Sue Emmet	Panel Vice-Chair	04/02/14		

Report History

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