

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA  
ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

**12 OCTOBER 2023**

**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGER**

**REVIEW OF PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES IN NORTH WEST LONDON**

**1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report gives an update on the provision of palliative care in the borough and proposals by the NHS for a re-organisation of services in North West London.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members of the select committee to consider the information provided in the report by the NHS as attached in appendix 1.

**3 REVIEW OF PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES**

- 3.1 The report was requested by members following the last presentation to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee on 29 November 2022 on the review of palliative care services, including the Pembridge Hospice. In particular, members wanted to be updated about the new model of care which has been developed as part of the review.
- 3.2 Representatives from the NHS North West London Integrated Care System, who are leading on the review of adult community-based specialist palliative and end-of-life care, have been invited to the select committee to discuss the report.
- 3.3 Following the Health and Care Act 2022 new statutory guidance on health scrutiny is expected to be published. However, a set of five principles, agreed by the Department of Health and Social Care, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny and Local Government Association has been published to help inform the ways of working between health scrutiny committees and NHS partners, to help ensure the benefits of scrutiny. These five principles for health scrutiny are:
- outcome-focused
  - balanced
  - inclusive
  - collaborative

- evidence-informed. <sup>1</sup>
- 3.4 The Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee may make reports and recommendations to any relevant NHS bodies or healthcare providers; however, any reports or recommendations are expected to be based on evidence and there should be an explanation of any recommendations made. <sup>2</sup>
- 3.5 The remit of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee, as set out in Part 5, Section 3 of the Council's Constitution, includes health partnerships where adult social care is a significant partner in terms of service delivery or management accountability, and services provided by NHS organisations including NHS Trusts, NHS Foundation Trusts and other relevant health service providers.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

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**Background papers used in the preparation of this report:** None other than previously published documents.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-overview-and-scrutiny-committee-principles/health-overview-and-scrutiny-committee-principles](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-overview-and-scrutiny-committee-principles/health-overview-and-scrutiny-committee-principles)

<sup>2</sup> Local Authority Health Scrutiny: Guidance to Support Local Authorities and Their Partners to Deliver Effective Health Scrutiny (Department of Health, 2014) pp.21-22