


<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Health Scrutiny Subcommittee</p> <p>20/09/2018</p>	
<p>Report of: Healthwatch Tower Hamlets</p>	
<p>Healthwatch Tower Hamlets Annual Report 2017/18</p>	

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Summary

- 1.1. This report presents the findings of HWTH's research into pain management at the Royal London Hospital. Detailed feedback HWTH received from one patient promoted a larger investigation into patient experience with pain management in the Royal London Hospital. HWTH found that there are a number of significant issues which include: communication issues between the pain team and medical professionals from other departments, communication issues between doctors and patients on the subject of managing pain (including around safe dosages of various painkillers), delays in receiving pain relief for hospital inpatients, and admin, planning and staffing issues that could impact upon availability of pain relief for hospital inpatients.

Recommendations:

The Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the report of HWTH and comment on the findings presented in the report.
2. Use the information provided in the report to inform the discussion with Barts Health on pain management.