

Memorandum of Understanding between:

London Borough of Tower Hamlets; and

NHS North East London and the City; and

Barts Health NHS Trust, the new trust formed by the merger of Barts and The London NHS Trust, Whipps Cross University Hospital NHS Trust and Newham University Hospital NHS Trust

The parties agree to work collaboratively and proactively to:

1. improve the health and healthcare of people who live, visit or work in the borough, and in particular to reduce health inequalities;
2. improve local access to services and information to local people about facilities so that they can choose and use the right services for them;
3. agree a programme of health promotion work to be delivered through schools to reach all pupils, their families and the wider community; and to work with schools to promote careers in the local NHS;
4. work closely with our local university, Queen Mary, University of London to develop new opportunities for students within Tower Hamlets to enter into medical training;
5. agree a mechanism that ensures efforts regarding economic development are aligned and encourage:
 - a. big businesses to relocate to the area
 - b. small businesses to start up and to develop in the borough; and
6. agree and implement a programme, to our best endeavours, to encourage and assist at least 1,000 residents of Tower Hamlets over the next two years to apply for and obtain employment in the new Trust, for instance by:
 - a. helping the long-term unemployed into training or jobs
 - b. focusing on working with children and young people to develop their career opportunities
 - c. helping talented local people to become graduates
 - d. the trust seeking to use its influence with local training providers to make medical training more accessible to local people
 - e. providing local people access to jobs
 - f. notifying the Council Employment and Enterprise Team of all job opportunities arising with the Trust; and
 - g. participating in the Council Employment and Enterprise initiatives

The NHS Trust will:

7. work with the Council to actively encourage local people to make their voice heard and ensure patient and public involvement is at the heart of every aspect of the new trust;
8. develop robust mechanisms to report to the Council on performance with particular respect to community health services and hospital discharge pathways. This may be incorporated into the NHS contracts from 2012/13 onwards and the new Trust will negotiate this with commissioners; and
9. provide opportunities for council representation in the trust governance structure including (subject to approval by Monitor) a nomination of at least one Governor to

- the board of governors when the trust becomes a Foundation Trust and, in the meantime, the Council to propose an advisor to the Barts Health NHS Trust Board.
10. ensure that the Council is engaged in the development of high-quality health services and provided with every opportunity to influence healthcare provision for local people.

The parties agree to:

11. actively review the working arrangements and the success of collaborative working - in particular a programme of regular meetings between the Mayor and Chief Executive of the Council, commissioners, and the Chair and Chief Executive of the new trust.

This Memorandum sets out a statement of some of the intended benefits and deliverables to be derived from the joint working between the parties. The parties enter into this Memorandum in good faith.

The parties acknowledge that this is a non-legally binding agreement and nothing in this Memorandum is intended to require the parties to act contrary to their legal duties and obligations, nor to act contrary to the instructions of the Secretary of State for Health or Monitor. It is not intended to, and shall not be deemed to, establish any legal partnership between the parties, constitute either party as the agent of the other, nor authorise either of the parties to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other party.

The agreement shall remain valid until the time at which responsibility for commissioning services transfers from NHS North East London and the City to new Clinical Commissioning Groups.

To be signed and take effect from 1 April 2012.



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