



## Questions to LNWHUHT Board Meeting 29th July 2020

### Ealing Hospital

In the Chief Executive Report in Section 3 Recovery Plans, it states that emergency surgery restarted on 20<sup>th</sup> July. We understand that this is daytime only, if so please can you explain why emergency surgery is not being provided overnight? Has there been any impact assessment on how this will affect the local community?

Can you provide an update on the actual number of critical care beds at Ealing Hospital and the plans to increase them? What is the rationale for the number?

The Chief Executives states under Black Lives Matters that “We recognise our duty to do more for our diverse communities and to stand against racism wherever we see it”.

Therefore how will the Trust ensure that the needs of the BAME communities in Ealing Borough, particularly in Southall will not be overlooked, which seems very likely if services are being reviewed and decided at a North West London level.

How will these communities and other vulnerable groups be genuinely consulted on any service changes and their impact such as trauma & orthopaedics?

### Private Sector Involvement

There are a number of references to the use of the independent sector to increase surgical capacity and provide diagnostics, in both the CEO Report and in the Integrated Quality & Performance Report. Hundreds of patients have been referred for surgery, endoscopy and radiology.

We assume that the phrase ‘independent sector’ is a reference to profit making companies?

What is the cost to date of using the private sector for surgery and diagnostics?

Is it intended that this sector will continue to be used in the longer term or only until capacity has been increased in the Trust?

If in the longer term can you explain why?

### NWL ICS

In the Chief Executive’s report it states ‘The changes made at our Ealing, Central Middlesex and Northwick Park hospital sites have been peer reviewed by the North West London Integrated Care

System (NWL ICS). How can a body that is not yet established play this role - its inception date is supposed to be April 2021?

### Outpatient Appointments

Current and future plans seem to be towards greater numbers of virtual appointments.

Has the Trust done any assessments of the impact of their use in relation to all vulnerable groups, including BAME communities, some of whom may suffer detriment by the use of virtual appointments due to lack of online access or disability and if not does it intend to do this?

We look forward to receiving your replies.

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