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Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) becomes responsible for community healthcare services delivered by Camden Provider Services

On 5 April 2011, Camden's community healthcare services, (known as Camden Provider Services), transferred from NHS Camden to Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL).

This move follows recent Government legislation that required physical community healthcare services to be separated from the commissioning function of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) by April 2011.

Claire Murdoch, Chief Executive of CNWL said, "I am delighted that CNWL is now responsible for Camden Provider Services and have extended a warm welcome to all staff. I have genuinely been very impressed by the clinicians and staff working across Camden and we are aware that there are many distinguished and important services within the portfolio. I am excited about our future in offering physical healthcare services and I look forward to working with local partners to continue providing high quality healthcare in the Borough of Camden."

CNWL is an established and high performing NHS foundation trust which already offers a range of physical and mental health services across nine London boroughs. Recognising the benefits of offering physical health care alongside mental health services, CNWL also recently integrated the

community health services in Hillingdon. With Camden Provider Services now also integrated, the organisation aims to continue to improve the health and wellbeing of local people through a range of local NHS services.

Dr Steven Luttrell, Chief Operating Officer, Camden Provider Services said, "Joining forces with CNWL makes a lot of sense for us. Both CNWL and CPS have a clear focus on delivering high quality healthcare closer to home as well as a track record of success in many clinical areas. Our new organisation will have expert capabilities across a wide range of specialities and I believe that bringing these together in new ways will mean improved services for our patients. In particular, I am anticipating that we will be able to substantially strengthen our services for people with chronic conditions and complex needs.

Our continued success is so clearly dependent on our close working relationships with our patients and our partners. I am fully confident that together we can do so much more than we could ever achieve as separate organisations. I know that my teams are very much looking forward to the opportunities ahead".

This transition will be seamless and patients will not notice any change to service delivery immediately. They will however benefit as the organisation transforms, with more care closer to home and the integration of services leading to more joined up care. I believe this integration will deliver significant substantial benefits to patients and staff. We will continue to strengthen clinical and management expertise as well as streamlined processes. For frontline staff, the change will lead to an increase in the skill-mix of the organisation and greater opportunities for career development."

Caroline Taylor, Chief Executive of NHS North Central London, is convinced that CNWL is the right choice for Camden: "Under the Department of Health's Transforming Community Services agenda, PCTs were required to divest themselves of the provider function. It was of paramount importance to NHS Camden that this process secured the future provision of first class

community health services in Camden, and NHS North Central London believes the integration with CNWL will achieve this.”

CNWL is an NHS Foundation Trust. Foundation Trusts engage with the local community to ensure that the services they provide meet locally identified needs. As a Foundation Trust, local people are encouraged to become members of CNWL and have an active involvement in shaping local health care services. For more information please visit www.cnwl.nhs.uk or email membership.cnwl@nhs.net.

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Editors Notes:

- 1. Camden Provider Services** delivers community health services in Camden and other London boroughs. Visit www.camdenproviderservices.nhs.uk to find out more about its services including sexual and reproductive health services, community nursing, children’s services, palliative care, podiatry and wheelchair services.
- 2. Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL)** is an NHS Foundation Trust, responsible for a range of physical and mental health services...Mental health services are provided for people of all ages across the boroughs of Brent, Harrow, Hillingdon, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster. Specialist substance misuse services also cover Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham and Hounslow. Learning disabilities services are offered in Harrow. The Trust is constantly developing to provide modern, dependable services that meet the needs of people with learning disabilities, mental health and substance misuse problems, their carers and families, and those of the wider community.

The Trust became responsible for physical community health care services in Hillingdon on 1 February 2011, following the successful integration of Hillingdon Community Health (previously part of NHS Hillingdon). To find out more please visit www.cnwl.nhs.uk

3. NHS North Central London covers the five boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington. For more information on NHS North Central London please visit www.ncl.nhs.uk

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