

<b>Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</b>  2 March 2026  <b><i>'Sickle Cell Care in Hackney What has changed 10 years on'</i> - Patient Voices report from Healthwatch Hackney and response</b>	Item No  <b>4</b>
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## **PURPOSE**

To consider Healthwatch Hackney's recent follow up report on Sickle Cell care in Hackney as well as Homerton Healthcare's response to its recommendations.

## **OUTLINE**

In 2015, Healthwatch Hackney published a report highlighting significant problems in sickle cell care at Homerton Hospital, including poor staff attitude, inadequate pain relief and concerns on cleanliness. Healthwatch has now produced a follow-up, to evaluate whether patient experience has improved and identify where care requires further improvements. The report details findings from a June 2025 focus group of 16 participants and formal 'Enter & View' visits to Lloyd Ward and the Medical Day Unit (MDU) in July and November 2025. The overall quality of sickle cell care is described as a "postcode lottery".

Please find attached

- a) Healthwatch Hackney's recent report '*Sickle Cell Care in Hackney - what has changed 10 years on?*'
- b) Presentation from Healthwatch Hackney

A response briefing from Homerton Healthcare will follow on Wed 25th.

Attending for this item will be:

**Sara Morosinotto**, Enter and View & Volunteer Manager, Healthwatch Hackney

**Sally Beaven**, Executive Director, Healthwatch Hackney

**Breeda McManus**, Chief Nurse and Director of Governance, Homerton Healthcare

**Dr Basabi Chatterjee**, Consultant Haematologist, Homerton Healthcare

**Natasha Lewis**, Lead Nurse for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia

## **ACTION**

Members are asked to give consideration to the reports and discussion and make any recommendations as necessary.