

# Media release

**Brent** 

Teaching Primary Care Trust

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## **Healthcare Commission results are out**

The Healthcare Commission is the independent watchdog for healthcare in England. They promote continuous improvement in the services provided by the NHS and independent healthcare organisations.

The Healthcare Commission is responsible for assessing and publishing the performance of NHS and independent healthcare services on an annual basis, in two main areas; quality of services and on use of resources, this years results have been published today.

Quality of services in Brent tPCT has scored fair. This score is an aggregation of performance against core standards, improvement reviews, existing national targets, and new national targets where applicable.

This result remains unchanged from last year, and shows the dedication and determination of front line staff who continued to provide care to residents in Brent while embarking on a rigorous financial turnaround programme during 2006.

The Trust's score of weak, for use of resources is based on work carried out as part of the Audit Commission's Auditors' Local Evaluation assessment, which covers five areas:

- financial reporting
- financial management
- financial standing
- internal control
- value for money (economy, efficiency and effectiveness)

The main reason for this score of weak is that we had a deficit at the end of the year and this automatically gives rise to a weak score.

We are on target to achieve our savings target of £25m this year and are working to improve our financial, information and governance systems to meet the standards required.

The tPCT is determined to build on these scores and aims to achieve a higher result next year in these areas.

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