

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2014

**COMMITTEE ROOM 1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Asma Begum (Chair)

Councillor Danny Hassell

Councillor David Edgar

Councillor Suluk Ahmed

Councillor Mahbub Alam

Co-opted Members Present:

avid Burbridge – (Healthwatch Tower Hamlets Representative)
Dr Sharmin Shajahan (PhD) – Healthwatch Tower Hamlets

Guests Present:

Dianne Barham – (Director of Healthwatch Tower Hamlets)
John Wilkins – Deputy Chief Executive, East London NHS
Foundation Trust

Councillor Andrew Wood –
Josh Potter – Deputy Director Of Commissioning And
Transformation, NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical
Commissioning Group

Officers Present:

Tahir Alam – (Strategy Policy & Performance Officer, Chief
Executive's)
Deborah Cohen – (Service Head, Commissioning and Health,
Education, Social Care & Wellbeing)
Frances Jones – (Service Manager One Tower Hamlets, Corporate
Strategy and Equality Service, Law Probity &
Governance)
Karen Sugars – (Programme Manager Health & Care Reforms,
Education Social Care and Wellbeing)

Antonella Burgio – (Democratic Services)
Antoinette Duhaney – (Interim Senior Committee Officer)

Apologies:

Councillor Denise Jones and Councillor Md. Maium Miah

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor David Edgar be appointed as Vice Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Wood declared an interest in Agenda Item 5.2 on the grounds that he was Chair of the Patient Panel.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 11 March 2014 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Health Scrutiny Panel Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of Meetings

RESOLVED

1. That the terms of reference, quorum, membership and dates of meetings of the Health Scrutiny Panel be noted.
2. That future Health Scrutiny Panel meetings commence at 7pm on a trial basis and be reviewed in 3 months time.

4.2 Co-options to Health Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED

That the appointment of David Burbage and Sharmin Shajahan as co-optees to the Health Scrutiny Panel be noted

4.3 The Care Act 2014

Karen Sugars gave a presentation on the Care Act 2014 and the impact of the new legislation on Tower Hamlets. The Panel was advised that the Act received royal ascent in May 2014 and would take effect from April 2015. It

was a major change pulling together more than 40 separate pieces of legislation and the main aim of these changes was to put people's needs and aspirations at the forefront of healthcare. The key components of the Act were:

- New legal framework for adult social carer
- Reformed quality and safety regulations for healthcare providers
- Creation of Health Education England and Health Research Authority

The Act also imposed certain duties such as better integration of health and social care services statutory adult safeguarding boards. An Ofsted style rating system for hospitals and care home providers would be introduced and there would be a universal eligibility threshold. The Act would facilitate joint working on assessments, planning and delivery. However some likely challenges included:

- Increased number of assessments and requests for support at a time of severe financial constraint
- Challenging timescales to achieve priorities
- Shortfall in funding to implement reforms

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

5.1 CCG - Health Landscape

Following a short video, Josh Potter gave a presentation to the Health Scrutiny Panel on the role of the CCG which had responsibility for planning, buying and monitoring local health services. The CCG was comprised of 36 GP practices arranged into 8 networks each with 4-5 practices. The CCG worked closely with a wide range of health providers to commission health services. The key visions of the CCG were:

- High quality health & social care services
- A vibrant and stable health & social care system
- Integrated services to cater for individual needs

NHS Tower Hamlets CCG was responsible for a number of services including planned hospital care, maternity services, cancer services, fertility services, urgent & emergency care, children's services and treatment of infectious diseases. The CCG managed a budget of approximately £340million which included £164m for hospital care and £51m for community health services. The key priorities included:

- Safe and convenient maternity services
- Improved health outcomes for children and young people
- Integrated care for patients with multiple health conditions
- Timely high quality urgent and emergency care

- Commissioning of integrated mental health services
- Innovative use of technology

In response to questions and comments from Members, Mr Potter stated that:

- the commissioning of primary care was relatively new.
- NHS England did not have the local knowledge of the CCG.
- CCGs would not be the sole purchaser of GP services but would be accountable to NHS England and the Secretary of State for Health.
- Co-commissioning would reduce a lot of duplication and also save money.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

5.2 Healthwatch Tower Hamlets

Dianne Barham gave a presentation to the Health Scrutiny Panel on Healthwatch Tower Hamlets. Healthwatch Tower Hamlets was a charitable company with a Board of Directors to manage business and monitor performance alongside an Advisory Group representing the interests of residents.

The main role of Healthwatch was:

- Encourage and support local people to engage in the commissioning, provision and monitoring of local health and social care services
- Make recommendations for service improvements based on the experiences of health and social care service users
- Signposting about services available
- Highlighting concerns to Healthwatch England and the Care Quality Commission so that they can review or investigate these concerns

The priorities for 2014/15 included a public event arranged for 14 August 2014, patient feedback on integrated care, assessing the impact of NHS payment legislation on child migrants and stronger links with faith groups.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

5.3 Work Planning

Tahir Alam, Senior Strategy Policy and Performance Officer, Corporate Strategy and Equality Service tabled a document and Panel considered the topics and priorities that they wished to pursue.

RESOLVED

That an update on the proposed workprogramme with suggested timings be presented at the next Panel meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Asma Begum
Health Scrutiny Panel