

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2016

**MP701, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG.**

Members Present:

Councillor Clare Harrisson (Chair)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar
Councillor Dave Chesterton
Councillor Abdul Asad
Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim

Co-opted Members Present:

David Burbidge – (Healthwatch Tower Hamlets Representative)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Amina Ali
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs

Apologies:

Others Present:

Dr Sam Everington – (Chair, Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group)
Caroline Alexander – (Director of Quality Development, NHS Tower Hamlets)
Jane Milligan – (Chief Officer, Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group)
Sandra Reading – Director of Maternity Services
Jackie Sullivan – Managing Director of Hospitals, Bart's Health Trust
Alwen Williams – Interim Chief Executive, Bart's Health Trust
Susan Biddle – Regional Advocate for London
Ceri Durham – National Childbirth Trust
Alison Herron – Bart's Health Trust
Matthew Hogg – Bart's Health Trust
Councillor Alison Kelly – Chair of Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee
Jamie Whitburn – Bart's Health Trust

Officers Present:

Daniel Kerr – Strategy, Policy & Performance

Afazul Hoque	Officer – Interim Service Manager, Strategy, Policy & Performance
Dr Somen Banerjee	– (Director of Public Health)
Debbie Jones	– (Corporate Director, Children's Services)
Joseph Lacey-Holland	– Senior Strategy, Policy & Performance Officer
Denise Radley	– (Director of Adults' Services)
Sarah Vallely	– Strategy, Policy & Performance Officer
Farhana Zia	– Committee Services Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Chair, Councillor Clare Harrisson welcomed everybody to the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting. She stated the meeting would cover some administrative actions, followed by a report on Maternity Services in Tower Hamlets.

Thereafter the Sub-Committee would receive a presentation from the Centre for Public Scrutiny, introducing Health Scrutiny to new Members of the committee.

She requested everyone to introduce themselves and commenced the meeting.

There were no apologies for absence and no declarations on interest declared.

2. APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Vice- Chair

Councillor Abdul Mukit nominated Councillor Akhtar and Councillor Dave Chesterton seconded the nomination. Councillor Sabina Akhtar was elected as Vice-Chair of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Appointment to the Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (INEL JOSOC)

The Chair explained that she was seeking two nominations, two from the Labour Group (to include the Chair) and one from the Independent Group.

Councillor Clare Harrisson and Councillor Sabina Akhtar were nominated by the Labour Group and Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim was nominated by the Independent Group.

Co-optee Appointments for the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The sub-committee agreed to appoint David Burbidge and Tim Oliver representing Healthwatch Tower Hamlets as co-optee's to the sub-committee.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The Chair referred members of the Sub-Committee to the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 20th April 2016. She asked members to approve these as an accurate record of the meeting.

The Members agreed the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Terms of Reference - Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The Chair referred members to pages 13-21 of the agenda pack and explained that the Committee is required to review the terms of reference on an annual basis. She asked if there were any points arising:

Councillor Abdul Asad referred to point 1.3 of appendix 1, and stated that the proportionality should state: 4 Majority Group Members (Labour), 2 Minority Group Members (Independent Group) and 1 Minority Group Member (Conservative)

He also stated that the appendix referred to the Independent group by their former title and that this should be amended.

Councillor Asad informed the sub-committee that the Independent Group also proposed to put forward Councillors Aminur Khan and Mahbub Alam as substitute members for this committee.

The Committee Officer informed Councillor Asad that the Independent Group would need to make a formal request to Full Council in order to have the nominations ratified.

The Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to:

AGREE the terms of reference, Quorum, Membership, dates of future meeting for the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

4.2 Review of Maternity Services at the Royal London Hospital

The Chair informed Members this report was outstanding from the last municipal year and was a review undertaken to examine Maternity Services in Tower Hamlets.

She invited Councillor Amina Ali to introduce the report and explain the conclusions reached by the Review Group.

Councillor Amina Ali informed the Sub-Committee that she had decided to focus on maternity services at the Royal London Hospital (RLH) specifically to look at patient experience; as feedback from patient organisations had

highlighted instances of poor experience in terms of compassion and continuity of care.

She stated the review examined four key themes of:

- Compassionate care
- Workforce to reflect the Community
- Consistency and continuity of care; and
- Capturing patient experience and community intelligence

The Review Group has made 17 recommendations and early discussions with Bart's Health Trust noted they welcomed the report and are keen to work with the Council and other stakeholders in addressing the issues identified.

Councillor Amina Ali invited the sub-committee to view a short film, which forms a part of the review and aims to bring the work of the Review Group to life.

Following the film, Alwen Williams the Chief Executive of Bart's Health Trust stated she welcomed the report and her team had undertaken to examine the recommendations made. She informed Members the Trust had an improvement plan which specifically looked at safe and compassionate care and that it was working hard to improve the day to day delivery of care; which is underpinned by a diverse workforce, reflective of the community and which instils the cultural step-change required.

She said that the Trust had refreshed its Patient and Public Engagement Strategy and had a strand of work which looked at how it can improve patient experience. This is entitled 'I want great care'.

Sandra Reading, from Bart's Health Trust outlined how the recommendations made in the report fitted with work streams being developed at the Trust.

This was followed by questions from Members who made the following points:

- Members were highly appreciative of the review and praised the members and officers involved.
- Members enquired how the film would be used and it's dissemination to the wider public?
- The recruitment of Midwives – reflective of the community & making it an attractive career choice
- Perinatal care – access to Mental Health services
- Bart's Health Trust views on when to report back to the Sub-Committee

The Sub-committee **RESOLVED** to **AGREE**:

1. It would receive an update in six months' time reporting on the progress made against the recommendations; and that

2. It would visit the Midwife Lead Unit at the Royal London Hospital on the invitation of the Chief Executive, Alwen Williams Bart's Health Trust.

4.3 Health Scrutiny Induction

Susan Biddle, Regional Advocate for London, Centre for Public Scrutiny and Councillor Alison Kelly, Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee at London Borough of Camden were invited to provide an induction workshop to Members.

The aim of the workshop was to

- Provide a brief introduction to the role and principles of good health scrutiny and what Sub-Committee members needed to know;
- Provide an opportunity to begin thinking around the forward plan for 2016 and how this can be shaped and informed; and
- Give an opportunity to hear from a fellow 'health scrutineer'

Members were informed Residents needed to be at the centre of any investigation /review and that the key things for them to consider was:

- What does our community want?
- What are the political issues?
- Agenda planning and
- Key outcomes

Following discussion Sub-Committee members were asked to comment upon the suggested items for the forward work programme:

- Having a thematic approach for the work programme - focussing on Primary Care.
- Community Pharmacy
- Commissioning and Contracting & Patient involvement
- Early Years Provision (0-5 years)
- Re-enablement Service
- NHS –'Transforming Services Together' plan
- Quality Accounts
- Mental Health
- Homecare contract

The Sub-Committee **RESOVLED**

That the Chair of the sub-committee would consult further with absent Members and officers to formulate the forward work programme for the sub-committee, which it would review at its next meeting.

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

There was no other business discussed.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Clare Harrisson
Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee