

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE TOWER HAMLETS HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

HELD AT 5.05 P.M. ON MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2019

MP702 - TOWN HALL MULBERRY PLACE

Members

Councillor Denise Jones (Chair)	Cabinet Member for Health Adults Community
Dr Sam Everington (Vice-Chair)	Chair of TH/London CCGs
Councillor Danny Hassell	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People
Councillor Candida Ronald	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector
Councillor Eve McQuillan	Mayoral Advisor for Tackling Poverty & Inequality
Dr Somen Banerjee	Director of Public Health
Debbie Jones	Corporate Director, Children and Culture
Denise Radley	Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community

Co-opted Members Present:

Dianne Barham	Substitute for Randal Smith- Healthwatch
Dr Ian Basnett	Public Health Director, Barts Health NHS Trust
Mark Broom	Substitute for Sue Williams-Met Police
Jackie Fearon	Tower Hamlets Housing Forum Representative
Dr Paul Gilluley	Substitute for Dr Navina Evans-ELFT
Jackie Sullivan	Managing Director of Royal London Site, Barts Health
Peter Vittles	Substitute for Alison Robert-THCVS

Other Councillors Present:

None.

Apologies:

Councillor Sirajul Islam	Cabinet Member for Housing
Selina Douglas	Managing Director NHS Newham, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets CCG
Dr Navina Evans	East London NHS Foundation Trust
Isabel Hodkinson	GP, Principal Clinical Lead Tower Hamlets CCG
Alison Robert	Partnership Manager, Tower Hamlets CVS
Randal Smith	Healthwatch Tower Hamlets
Ann Sutcliffe	Acting Corporate Director, Place
Sue Williams	Borough Commander – Chief Superintendent

Simon Hall	Director of Transformation ELHCP
Dr Catherine Heffernan	Principal Advisor, Public Health England (London)
Sue Maughn	Commissioning Director - Cancer ELHCP
Joanne Murfitt	Regional Director, NHS England (London)
Dr Josephine Ruwende	Lead, NHS England (London)
Officers in Attendance:	
Dan Jones	Divisional Director for Public Realm
David Jones	Interim Divisional Director Adult Social Care
Chris Lovitt	Associate Director of Public Health
Mehmet Mazhar	Business Manager Highways Traffic Management
Rushena Miah	Democratic Services
Warwick Tomsett	Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning
Jamal Uddin	Strategy Policy & Performance Officer

1. STANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Board welcomed Jackie Fearon to represent Tower Hamlets Housing Forum. It was noted that Simon Walton had stepped down.

2.1 Minutes of the last meeting, Action Log & Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 was approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the minutes.
2. To note the action log.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests.

4. FORWARD PLAN

The Board agreed to add tackling knife crime to the work programme in addition to the existing Forward Plan items.

RESOLVED:

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5. DEVELOPING A TOWER HAMLETS TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The Board received the report of Dan Jones, Divisional Director for Public Realm, on developing a Tower Hamlets Transport Strategy.

In response to Member question the Divisional Director provided the following:

- Initiatives to improve air quality included encouraging people to reduce car usage, restricted routes, take up of cycling, better cycling and pedestrian routes and more charging points for electric vehicles. It was noted that efforts would require buy in from Transport for London.
- It was everyone's responsibility to replace and update their fleets to be as environmentally friendly as possible.
- It was noted that there should be better accessibility in some parts of the borough and a needs assessment should take place.
- As stakeholders, Board Members agreed they should set the example and were open to sharing provisions such as car charging points or cycle storage.
- It was agreed the strategy should address the problem of male driver harassment towards female cyclists.
- Members suggested that instead of making driving difficult for people, there should be efforts to incentivise walking such as a free bus pass taster.
- The Board were invited to attend the Transport Strategy Mini Summit on 3 April 2019 at the Mile End Ecology Centre. Members were encouraged to contact the Divisional Director for further comment. **Dr Ian Basnett expressed an interest in meeting with the Divisional Director outside of the meeting.**

The Chair thanked the Divisional Director for his report.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the development of the Tower Hamlets Transport Strategy.
2. To note the equalities considerations as set out in paragraphs 3.4 of the report.
3. To advise on how health programmes could be aligned with the emerging Transport Strategy.

6. THE NHS LONG TERM PLAN AND THE REFRESH OF THE ELHCP STRATEGY

The Board received a presentation from Simon Hall, Director of Transformation East London Health & Care Partnership (ELHCP), on the NHS Long Term Plan and Refresh of the ELHCP Strategy.

Board discussion:

- It was noted the Long Term Plan closely aligned with existing Tower Hamlets programmes due to the groundwork done by the Tower Hamlets Vanguard.
- Stakeholders were encouraged to think of the health and social care system as a whole when making decision regarding investment in healthcare and redirection of funds.
- Members agreed that healthcare achievements needed to be better communicated to the wider public. Accomplishments included:
 - Kidney disease reduction by 80%.
 - Shift out of hospital for end of life care with approximately 50% of people being able to die at home.
 - Greater awareness about health and safety for frail patients in hospital wards.
 - Partnership with the Genome Project which offered the potential for more personalised care.
- Simon Hall and Debbie Jones agreed to meet outside of the meeting to discuss children's health plans.
- Healthwatch would be conducting an engagement exercise which will be informed by Long Term Plan priorities to form key lines of enquiry.

RESOLVED:

1. To note and comment on the recommendations in the NHS Long Term Plan, particularly with respect to the role of Neighbourhoods, Place and the development of an integrated care system.
2. To note that much of the learning from recent years work in Tower Hamlets is reflected in the Long Term Plan nationally – including the Tower Hamlets Together Vanguard.
3. To note and comment on the approach to refreshing the ELHCP Strategy for 2019-24 and the timescale proposed.

7. UPDATE REPORT ON SCREENING AND IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES

The Board received a presentation from Chris Lovitt, Associate Director of Public Health, Dr Catherine Heffernan-NHSE/PHE and Dr Josephine Ruwende NHSE/PHE.

Comments from the Board:

- There was a discussion on the take up of screening tests. Where GPs actively reminded patients to test screening rates improved.
- There was a suggestion that children should be provided with immunisations certificates when starting school.
- Members agreed better efforts should be made to promote the flu jab from October – March. It was noted that around 15% of people

signed against getting a flu jab and this contributed to the lower take up levels.

- Members agreed there should be better communication to dispel the rumour the NHS staff would not receive sick pay if they did not take the flu jab.
- Members suggested that there may be higher take up if different types of screenings could take place during the same appointment. Distance was also an issue. People did not wish to travel too far for appointments.
- The Board agreed that the housing and the voluntary sector could be better utilised to promote vaccinations and screenings.
- It was noted that there was an anti-vaccine movement and this was gaining traction via social media. Speakers said Public Health England was aware of the issue and their social media team were working towards tackling misinformation.
- **Action: LBTH to work with NHSE/PHE leads to agree indicators for 19/20 and develop a shared action plan for circulation to board members.**

RESOLVED:

1. To note progress being made to address under performance on the programme.
2. To consider what local arrangements can be implemented to improve performance.
3. To comment on any areas which are felt to need additional actions or a different approach.

8. WORKSHOP SESSION - SETTING THE DIRECTION OF THE NEW HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

Members took part in workshop activity to support the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Members broke into groups to discuss the current and future context as well as the role of the Board in making progress against the shared outcome framework I Statements

Current and future context:

A range of contextual factors were identified

Political

Political uncertainty considering Brexit - pressures on health force worldwide. Universal Credit rollout and impact on health.

Economic

Income inequality, private health insurance as a driver of health inequalities

Societal

Ageing population, increased frailty, increased pressures on social care, community safety, cohesion

Technology

Artificial intelligence, technology as driver for efficiency, electric vehicles

Environmental

Climate change - synergies between sustainability and health

Board role in relation to shared outcomes

It was noted that the Board has a lead role across a number of the I statements and a supportive role for others (where other partnerships would appropriately lead. This will require further discussion

Action: A report to come to the next Board reflecting the above discussion and setting out plans and milestones to develop the strategy.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting ended at 7.21 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Denise Jones
Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board