


<p style="text-align: center;">Health and Wellbeing Board Tuesday 18th April, 2017</p>	
<p>Report of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Community Health Services - Alliance Partnership Agreement between CCG and GP Care Group, Barts Health and East London Foundation NHS Foundation Trust</p>	

Lead Officer	Simon Hall, Acting Chief Officer, NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group
Contact Officers	As above
Executive Key Decision?	No

Summary

NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has signed an alliance partnership agreement between three local healthcare providers: Tower Hamlets GP Care Group Community Interest Company (CIC), Barts Health NHS Trust, and East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT).

The partnership will enable local GPs to work much closer with hospital and community trusts to offer patients more joined up health services across the borough and reduce duplication.

Reason for urgency - the final agreement was signed at the end of March so it was not possible to submit this update within the required timescales. This is a significant development in the provision of health and care services in Tower Hamlets so it is important that the Board is aware of it. A more in depth agenda item will be timetabled for the July Board.

Recommendations:

The Health & Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the report and ensure dissemination as appropriate within organisations represented by the Board

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 There is no specific decision for the Board. The purpose of the paper is to make members aware of this important decision.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The alternative option would be to not bring this to the Board. Given the importance of the decision this would miss a significant opportunity to disseminate the development.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The attached letter is the stakeholder release on the alliance partnership agreement

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications for the Council arising from this announcement.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 This is a report of the NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group for noting and there are no legal implications arising out of this report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Although this is an external report, the new arrangements will be critical in addressing health inequalities both in relation to access to community health services and provision of consistently high quality services.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This is an external report. However, one of the drivers of the new arrangements is to ensure efficient delivery of community health services.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 There are no direct implications

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Although this is an external report, the new alliance arrangements mitigate risks of community health services being fragmented and not joined up.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 No specific actions

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

NONE

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Stakeholder letter setting out new alliance arrangements for community health services.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- NONE

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