

# LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

## HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

### MINUTES

At a meeting of the HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL held on WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005 at the TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON E14 2BG at 7.00 P.M.

### SECTION ONE

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Khaled R. Khan	Chair
Councillor Betheline Chattopadhyay	Vice Chair
Councillor Azizur R. Khan	
Councillor Oliur Rahman	

#### OFFICERS PRESENT:

Ian Wilson	-	Corporate Director of Social Services
Michael Keating	-	Head of Research and Scrutiny
Delyth Davies	-	Scrutiny Policy Officer
Tim Hogan	-	Democratic Services
Simmi Yesmin	-	Democratic Services

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Cusack	-	Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust
John Humphreys	-	North East London Strategic Health Authority
George Leahy	-	Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust
Slobodanka Rangelov	-	Barts and London Trust – Patients Public Involvement Co-ordinator

### COUNCILLOR K. KHAN IN THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel. He thanked everyone for their attendance, following which those present introduced themselves.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Kevin Morton, Tim O’Flaherty and Helal Rahman. Apologies for absence were also received on behalf of Ms Kathleen Banks and Mr Nuruz Jaman, Co-opted Members.

**RESOLVED**

That the apologies be noted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them accordingly.

**4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**4.1 DELIVERING CHOOSING HEALTH REVIEW – UPDATE REPORT (HSP 005/056)**

Ms Delyth Davies, Scrutiny Policy Officer, introduced the report and highlighted the main points in the review including:

- holding focus groups with adults and young people
- launching a special website with discussion forums during Local Democracy Week

In response to Members’ questions it was confirmed that this review would be publicised during Local Democracy Week, in local Schools and the Eastend Life newspaper.

Councillor Chattopadhyay volunteered to help facilitate this project.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

#### **4.2 ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK- HEALTH CARE COMMISSION (HSP 006/056)**

Ms Davies introduced this report and went on to explain that the Healthcare Commission would annually assess all NHS Trusts using a new assessment framework. The framework would include an assessment of core standards, existing targets, use of resources, new national targets and improvement reviews.

Trusts had to produce their final declarations by April 2006.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That the report be considered and noted.
2. That a joint meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005 be held together with Hackney and Newham's Health Scrutiny Panels to consider issues relating to the East London and the City Mental Health Trust's declaration.
3. That a special meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 be held to consider issues relating to the Barts and the Royal London Trust and Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust declarations.

#### **4.3 COMMISSIONING A PATIENT-LED NHS (HSP 007/056)**

Mr John Humphrey, North East London Strategic Health Authority, gave a detailed presentation on Commissioning a Patient-led NHS and the London Review.

Mr Ian Wilson, Corporate Director Social Services commented that the future of the Tower Hamlets PCT was uncertain due to the introduction of larger Primary Care Trusts (PCTs), covering a number of boroughs. It was noted that this may affect the effective relationships with the Council and that one large PCT would not have the detailed knowledge of the needs of local people. Members felt that the Tower Hamlets PCT was producing good work and working well with the Local Area Partnerships (LAPs).

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That the report be noted;
2. That Councillor Khaled Khan, Chair of Health Scrutiny Panel, represent the Panel at the Office of Public Management (OPM) Stakeholder Consultation event on 30<sup>th</sup> September.
3. That the Panel delegate authority to the Head of Research and Scrutiny to provide comments to the OPM through the stakeholder questionnaire.

#### **4.4 YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES IN TOWER HAMLETS – RESPONSES TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL (HSP 008/056)**

Ms Davies introduced this report and highlighted the detailed response and action plan to the Health Scrutiny Panel's recommendations.

##### **RESOLVED**

1. That the responses and action plan to its review of young people's access to sexual health services attached at Appendix 1 be noted.
2. That an update on progress in implementing the action plan be presented in March 2006.

#### **5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **5.1 RESPONSE TO THE PANEL'S COMMENTS ON THE NORTH EAST LONDON STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY – RACE EQUALITY SCHEME**

Ms Davies advised the Panel that the North East London Strategic Health Authority had welcomed the comments of the Health Scrutiny Panel on its Race Equality Scheme and shared the concern about ethnicity monitoring.

##### **RESOLVED**

That the report be noted

##### **5.2 IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY**

Mr George Leahy, Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust, gave a brief update on the strategy highlighting that following consultation, the Strategy had been submitted for approval to the Primary Care Trust and the Council.

##### **RESOLVED**

That the report be noted

### **5.3 DIABETES UPDATE**

Mr Leahy gave the Panel an update on the Tower Hamlets Diabetes Strategy. The strategy was circulated to Members at the meeting.

Mr Leahy advised the Panel that their views would be welcomed and could be incorporated into further versions of the strategy.

### **6. CONSIDER OTHER SECTION ONE BUSINESS SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS OF THE MEETING**

Nil items.

### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

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**COUNCILLOR KHALED R KHAN  
CHAIR  
HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**