

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE TOWER HAMLETS HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

HELD AT 5.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2019

MP701 - TOWN HALL MULBERRY PLACE

Members Present:

Councillor Amina Ali (Chair)	
Dr Sam Everington (Vice-Chair)	
Dr Somen Banerjee (Member)	– (Director of Public Health)
Selina Douglas (Member)	– Managing Director NHS Newham, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets CCG
Councillor Sirajul Islam (Member)	– (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Debbie Jones (Member)	– (Corporate Director, Children and Culture)
Denise Radley (Member)	– (Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community)
Christabel Shawcross (Stakeholder)	– (Safeguarding Adults Board Chair LBTH)
Randal Smith	– Healthwatch Tower Hamlets

Co-opted Members Present:

Vivian Akinremi	– Deputy Young Mayor Lead for Health & Wellbeing
Dr Ian Basnett	– Public Health Director, Barts Health NHS Trust
Chris Banks	– Chief Executive, Tower Hamlets GP Care Group CIC
Marcus Barnett	– Met Police
Vicky Clark	– (Divisional Director for Growth and Economic Development)
Dr Navina Evans	– Chief Executive East London and the Foundation Trust
Amy Gibbs	– Chair of Tower Hamlets Together
Jackie Sullivan	– Managing Director of Royal London Site, Barts Health
Richard Tapp	– Met police
Helen Wilson	– Clarion Housing/THHF - representative to HWBB
Alison Robert	– (Partnership Manager, Tower Hamlets CVS)

Apologies:

Councillor Danny Hassell	– (Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People)
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Asmat Hussain	– (Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer)
Councillor Denise Jones	– Older People's Champion
Councillor Candida Ronald	– (Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)
Peter Okali	– Chief Executive Officer at Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS)
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	– (Scrutiny Lead for Health & Adults)
Councillor Andrew Wood	– (Leader of the Conservative Group)

Officers in Attendance:

Phil Carr	– (Strategy and Policy, HA&C)
Dan Jones	– (Divisional Director, Public Realm)
David Knight	– (Principal Committee Services Officer)
David Tolley	– (Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards)

1. STANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests received at the meeting.

2.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Actions, Matters Arising and Forward Plan.

RESOLVED:

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September, 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them accordingly.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT - VERBAL UPDATE.

Members of the Board noted that they would be receiving details via email regarding the new landscape in social care. As in recent years, local authorities have reconfigured their social care, separating children's from adult services and creating new forms of partnerships with Primary Care Trusts and other parts of the NHS. As a result, there is now a wide variety of organisational arrangements in place, and new ones on the way. A new landscape for health and social care is therefore being created.

The emphasis it was noted in the future will be on place shaping and the creation of healthy and sustainable communities; better commissioning and greater productivity are important drivers which have accelerated the pace of change. There is now a much greater emphasis on prevention through local partnerships for health and wellbeing, and the children and young people's plans also demonstrate this shift in focus.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2018-2019

The Board noted that every year, the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) publishes an Annual Report to set out progress, achievements and learning over the previous year. It was noted that the attached Annual Report for 2018-19 was agreed at the 12th September Safeguarding Adults Board. The main points of the discussion are outlined as follows:

The Board noted:

- That it is a statutory requirement to publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any safeguarding adults reviews and subsequent action;
- That the content of the Annual Report was agreed by the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board on the 12th of September 2019;
- That the Report begins with an “infographic” summary of local demographics, achievements, performance and priorities. It goes on to describe (1) Performance data for 2018-19 (2) Key achievements from partners over the previous year; (3) Progress against last years’ priorities; (4) Information on Safeguarding Adult Reviews carried out in 2018-19; (5) Priorities for 2019-20; (6) Background information on the governance, structure and membership of the SAB; (7) performance data for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS); (8) information regarding Learning Disability Mortality Reviews (LeDeR); and (9) Links to other strategic boards;
- That the SAB is undertaking an analysis of the increase in number of cases **e.g.** changes in care providers; better support for carers; impact of austerity on individuals; disability; drugs; alcohol; domestic violence; ethnicity; gender; age; quality of housing and other wider general issues;
- That with regards to the analysis of data this is a multi-agency task and all partners need to take an active part in addressing the challenges in collecting and collating that data;
- The need for better engagement from local communities and partner agencies **e.g.** referral of individuals in need;
- The importance of addressing self-neglect and abuse;
- That the SAB is making sure that the training of staff continues to utilise the experiences of the providers; carers and clients to assist in the develop the service provided;
- With regards to the deaths recorded between 2016 – 2019 in Tower Hamlets the SAB is required to commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) for any cases meeting the relevant criteria; and
- That whilst it is not currently a statutory requirement to publish reports; it is recognised as good practice to demonstrate the level of transparency and accountability needed to enable lessons to be

learned as widely and thoroughly as possible.

The Chair Moved and it was:

RESOLVED

To note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018-19

4.2 Tower Hamlets Together (THT) Bi-annual Update

The Board received the Tower Hamlets Together – Bi-Annual update. It was noted that Tower Hamlets Together (THT) was established in 2016 and is a partnership made up of health and care organisations responsible for the planning and delivery of prevention, health and care services. The partnership is made up of:

- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group
- Barts Health NHS Trust
- East London Foundation Trust
- Tower Hamlets GP Care Group
- Community and Voluntary Sector

The main points of the discussion were as follows:

The Board:

- Acknowledged Tower Hamlets Together' s shared principle mission to 'transform people's health and lives, reduce inequalities and reorganise services to match people's needs'
- Noted that the three Workstream of Tower Hamlets Together are the key drivers in establishing system working;
 - Born Well & Growing Well (BWGW) - Children
 - Living Well (LW) – Healthy Adults
 - Promoting Independence (PI) – Complex Adults
- That the ambition is for each Workstream to have its population segment as a shadow budget from all relevant partner service lines and will be responsible for understanding improvement opportunities to deliver outcomes and manage system performance risk. Over the course of 2019-20 the Workstream have continued to work towards the triple ask: (1) Understand and oversee what is happening now, beginning to use the overarching system outcomes as a lens (2) Deliver against the priorities set by the Workstream (attached to this report as an appendix) which includes developing the outcomes to be achieved (3) Continue with the quality improvement (QI) projects to enable learning about how to use this methodology within the Workstream population cohort.

- That the shared Vision and Priorities have now been agreed by the Board and circulated with the papers and an Independent Chair was recruited and will be in post for two-years.
- That the structure of Board meetings has been developed with the following items now coming to each meeting:
 - *Systems Performance Reporting (currently as a dashboard)*
 - *Community Participation and Voice*
 - *Workstream spotlight* at which one of the three Workstream Chairs are invited to provide feedback on the work undertaken by the Workstream in the previous quarter
 - *Enabler spotlight*, a six-monthly rotation of THT enablers including; Estates, Workforce, Learning Disability Partnership Board, Mental Health Partnership Board, System Intelligence and Urgent Care.

That coproduction and community voice are both core priorities of the Board and a stakeholder engagement action plan has now been developed.

The Chair Moved and Health and Wellbeing Board:

RESOLVED

To note and welcome Tower Hamlets Together – Bi-Annual update.

4.3 Air Quality Governance

The Board noted that in 2017 the Cabinet had approved an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) that set out the action that the Council will take to improve air quality within the Borough over a 5 year period 2017-2022. The main points of the discussion are outlined below:

The Board:

- Was advised that an Air Quality Partnership Board (AQP) was created to oversee the monitoring and delivery of agreed actions;
- Noted that at Cabinet on 31 July, 2019 Mayor Biggs in Cabinet had resolved to move the governance of the AQAP to the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) which would then oversee the Air Quality Delivery Plan for the final years of the Air Quality Action Plan to address targeted action on the most affected areas;
- The Board noted that this report sought to inform the Board of the various actions the Council is taking to tackle poor air quality in the borough;
- Noted Evidence on the effects of long-term exposure to traffic pollution with especially for those living in areas with the highest socioeconomic deprivation. The relatively greater vulnerability of the most deprived populations has important implications for public health in LBTH;

- Was advised that the LBTH the Liveable Streets programme aims to improve the look and feel of public spaces in neighbourhoods across the borough and make it easier, safer, and more convenient to get around by foot, bike and public transport;
- Noted that LBTH want to reduce people making 'rat runs' and shortcuts through residential streets to encourage more sustainable journeys and to improve air quality and road safety e.g. the increase use of bikes by patients or simply walking to the Health Centres instead of getting in their cars;
- Noted that LBTH and its partners will be looking at the practicalities of reducing journeys to hospitals, there evidence is needed that will drive that change;
- Wanted more information on the impact of 20 mph limit and raising awareness around the number of deaths due to pollution each year;
- Want to raise awareness to mounting evidence that vehicles provide little protection from harmful traffic pollution, and drivers and their passengers may even be exposed to higher levels than on the road outside. It is especially important to understand the impacts of air pollution on professional motorists such as taxi and lorry drivers, who spend many hours behind the wheel each day;
- Want this report to be presented to the CCG Well Board;
- Agreed that the Council and its partners need to (i) look at how staff can understand how they use their cars for work too; (ii) consider why people will not' exercise because of pollution; (iii) local people working to address pollution in their areas need to be listened to too so do not feel ignored; (iv) Look at the impact of population on the economy; and
- Agreed that it was important to recognise that many residents feel their children's breathing issues are more the result of damp over crowded homes than pollution.

The Chair Moved and it was **RESOLVED** that:

1. Housing Associations have role in looking at the condition of their stock e.g. condensation/dampness to health issues;
2. Bart's Health commitment to addressing such health issues especially for young children needs to be recognised;
3. The Board needs to collectively raise the profile of this issue with the public;
4. Need to repeat this message time and time again and in many ways; also need to think about the use of aerosols and the impact that they have in the home;
5. Need to personalise the message tell people about the pollution levels in the home;
6. Need to look at the reasoning behind road closures and roll out those out the rationale to raise awareness; and
7. There is a need to look at the funding to increase use of bicycles and public transport and draw in other agencies to raise this awareness and to draw down more funds.

4.4 Better Care Fund 2019-20

The Board received a report that covered the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2019-20. It was noted that the template has been reviewed by Denise Radley, Selina Douglas, Warwick Tomsett, Andrea Antoine, Adrian Osborne and regional BCF team. The final version having been submitted to NHS England by 27 September, 2019 and is now presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for endorsement.

The Board **RESOLVED** to:

Endorse the BCF Plan for 2019-20

4.5 Mental Health Strategy

The Board received a report that presented the draft Tower Hamlets Mental Health Strategy and its associated evidence base for consideration. The main points of the discussion are summarised as follows:

The Board noted:

- The document was developed following the recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Board in October 2018 to produce a refreshed strategy to cover the five year period 2019-24 to replace the existing strategy that was due to end in March 2019.
- The refreshed strategy seeks to move the strategic approach and understanding of mental health from a medical to a social model across both the Council and the wider Tower Hamlets Together partnership;
- That it had been revised following comment at the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2019 to specifically draw out the experience of the Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) population within the document.
- The work with Somali Taskforce on this issue and lot of consideration to access to services e.g. large number of Somali under treatment and cultural sensitivity and need to look at the experience of this community in UK; and

The Chair Moved and it was:

RESOLVED

To approve the draft strategy

4.6 Health and Wellbeing Strategy Update

The Board received a verbal update on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Board noted that (i) it will look at ways for residents to tell their stories around health and well-being; (ii) at the next scheduled meeting there will be a discussion the aims and future direction for the strategy **e.g.** looking at developing safe places where people can go for assistance.

The Chair Moved and it was:

RESOLVED

To note the verbal update and that there would be a further discussion on the Strategy at the next meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Children's Safeguarding Annual Report 2018

The Board received and noted a copy of the Children's Safeguarding Annual Report 2018. That would be formally considered at the January meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.

**Chair, Councillor Amina Ali
Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board**