

**London Borough of Islington
Health and Wellbeing Board – 12 March 2014**

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 12 March 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillor Richard Watts – Leader of the Council
Councillor Janet Burgess – Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Councillor Joe Caluori – Executive member for Children and Families
Dr.Gillian Greenhough - Clinical Commissioning Group representative
Alison Blair – Chief Officer, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group
Julie Billett – Corporate Director of Public Health
Dr Henrietta Hughes, NHS England
Martin Machray – Director, Quality & Integrated Governance, Islington CCG
Dr. Josephine Sauvage - Clinical Commissioning Group representative
Anne Weyman – Lay Vice-Chair, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group
Eleanor Schooling – Corporate Director, Children’s Services
Emma Whitby – Healthwatch Islington
Clare Henderson- Programme Director, Integrated Care – Islington CCG
Simon Galczynski – Service Director for Adult Social Care, (for Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services)

Councillor Richard Watts in the chair

152 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Item A1)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the Board introduced themselves.

153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A2)

None.

154 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

Dr Gillian Greenhough and Dr Josephine Sauvage declared an interest as GPs in agenda item B6 (Interim recommendations from Health Scrutiny Committee on GP appointments).

155 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2014 (Item A4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

156 BETTER CARE FUND SUBMISSION – SIGN OFF (Item B1)

Clare Henderson introduced the report, which set out how the Better Care Fund would be used to support on-going integration of work across health and social care.

Members acknowledged the importance of the Fund to all partners, especially in a climate of reduced finance. Excellent joint working to date had meant better outcomes for users of services and this would be continued.

RESOLVED:

That Islington’s Better Care Fund Plan, appended to the report of the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, be endorsed for submission to NHS England by the deadline of 4 April 2014.

157 **ISLINGTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP FIVE YEAR PLAN 2014-19**

(Item B2)

Alison Blair introduced the report which detailed the CCG's five year plan for delivery of all of the CCG and Health and Wellbeing Board's strategic objectives. The Five Year Plan was subject to engagement processes and final sign off through the Health and Wellbeing Board before final submission to NHS England on 24 June 2014.

RESOLVED:

That the progress made towards the final submission of Islington CCG's final Five Year Plan for 2014-19 and how this will support the developing Five Year Plan for Islington CCG in 2014-19, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be noted.

158 **ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT (Item B3)**

Julie Billett, Director of Public Health for Islington and Camden, introduced her report, which focused on the social determinants of health (such as employment, housing and the cost of living) and what could be done to reduce health inequalities in the two boroughs. Future work would focus on helping people to find good jobs and to stay in work: healthier homes: education and health: and supporting people to have a healthy standard of living.

The following points were made during discussion:

- The report provided much useful evidence in one document.
- It would be useful to harness some of the learning from the Housing Summit. It was noted that some work had already commenced, such as the external wall insulation on Holly Park Estate and the Family Mosaic pilot on Health Begins at Home, which sought to see if a new model of health and housing interventions could reduce NHS usage in social housing residents aged over 50.
- For the future, it would be useful to look at the emerging importance of early intervention work with children and families. The Council was working with the Early Intervention Foundation on this and was building a significant databank
- A question was asked about the impact of housing benefit changes and how the CCG would look after residents who had moved out of Islington. There was also a question about how data would be shared between the CCG and the receiving authority for these families.

The response was that the Council was tracking information on the affects of welfare changes on residents. Any residents who had had to move out of Islington remained the Borough's responsibility. More than half of the residents who would have been affected by the bedroom tax had been contacted in advance by the Council which had obviated the need for them to move out of the Borough. However, many of the families who had stayed in their properties and tried to manage on reduced housing benefit, were incurring rent arrears.

- There had been a decline in teenage pregnancy rates and joint working with Camden would enable a view across the range of services, such as access to contraception and sexual health. It was anticipated that education of children and young people would mitigate against risk-taking patterns.

It was critical for any work on sexual health, pregnancy and developing healthy relationships to be targeted at looked after children and young people.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That an information report be submitted to the Board at a future date on the affect of welfare benefit cuts on individuals/families in Islington

159 **CARE BILL UPDATE: LOCAL IMPLICATIONS (Item B4)**

Simon Galczynski introduced his report, which summarised some of the details of the Care Bill and its implications for adult social care in Islington. It was likely that the proposed reforms on social care funding would place an increased demand on Council services, including additional clients from the private sector.

Simon Galczynski undertook to respond to Councillor Caluori on the question of liability for deferred payment schemes.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the key changes to adult social care which will take place with the implementation of the Care Bill, as detailed in the report of the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, be noted.
- (2) That the high level financial implications and work programme for implementation in Islington, again as detailed in the report, be noted.
- (3) That the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services respond to Councillor Caluori on the question of liability for deferred payment schemes.

160 **TOBACCO CONTROL IN CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON (Item B5)**

Julie Billett introduced the report, which summarised the outcomes and proposed next steps from the recent stakeholder event on "Towards a smoke-free future in Camden and Islington". The event had focussed on identifying key priorities and objectives for future tobacco control programmes in each borough and the potential for joint working on tobacco control.

In the discussion the following points were made:

- E-cigarettes were unlicensed and unregulated products and councils' ability to control access to them was limited. There was a difficult balance between messages to society about e-cigarettes and cultural norms eg use of shisha. A local view on their use was needed.
- There was concern about the "attractiveness" of e-cigarettes to children
- E-cigarettes should be licensed or subject to a byelaw banning them in Islington
- The promotion of e-cigarettes needed to be regulated

RESOLVED:

(1) That the development of a joint tobacco control programme and action plan for Camden and Islington, including an early appraisal of the potential governance/partnership arrangements required to oversee and drive forward delivery of such a joint programme, as detailed in the report of the Corporate Director of Public Health, be noted.

(2) That it be noted that a report setting out the proposed governance arrangements for tobacco control across Islington and Camden, together with an agreed tobacco control programme and action plan, will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board for discussion and agreement.

161 **INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON GP APPOINTMENTS (Item B6)**

Councillor Martin Klute, Chair of the Council's Health Scrutiny Committee, introduced the interim draft recommendations from the scrutiny report of the Committee on GP

appointment systems.

In discussion the following points were made:

- There should be standard expectations about access to GPs. However, there was also a need for flexibility in appointment systems to cater for the various needs of patients
- It was noted that NHSE had set up a project to look at services in the south of the Borough. It was also noted that three GP practices had been successful in bids to the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund to improve access.
- With regard to recommendation 8, relating to public awareness, the NHS had already produced public leaflets on "Choose the right treatment" to encourage people to choose the NHS service that could best treat their symptoms, rather than attending A&E
- That further multi-disciplinary work and communication be carried out on recommendation 5, relating to "Social support functions" and the inclusion of "school sick notes" provided by GPs. The Council's message to children and parents was that children must attend school. A multi-disciplinary approach would help to identify those seeking sick notes most frequently from a GP and any underlying issues.

RESOLVED:

That the draft recommendations from the Health Scrutiny Committee on GP appointment systems be noted, together with the comments made above.

162 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14 (ITEM B8)

RESOLVED

That the work programme be noted.

163 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Item C1)

None.

The meeting ended at 3.15pm.

Chair