

**Report of: Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

Health and Wellbeing Board	Date: 22 November 2018	Ward(s): N/A
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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF GP FEDERATION OBSERVER TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board seeks to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the local community by encouraging integrated commissioning and service delivery across the NHS, public health and local authority services. To achieve this aim, the Board membership includes representatives of a range of commissioners and providers, as well as representatives from Healthwatch and the Voluntary Sector.
- 1.2 It is proposed that the Board appoint a representative of the Islington GP Federation as a non-voting observer to the Board. This will support the Health and Wellbeing Board in considering the views and experience of primary care services, and general practice specifically, in strategic discussions on health and wellbeing matters.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To appoint Michael Clowes of the Islington GP Federation as a non-voting observer to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2 To request that the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as detailed in the terms of reference, be amended accordingly.

3. Background

- 3.1 Islington GP Federation exists to ensure Islington residents get free and equal access to good, safe and cost effective primary care. It is owned by 32 of Islington's 33 GP practices who want to protect the best of general practice. The organisation provides primary care services in the community, supports GP practices and works in partnership with health and social care providers to deliver population and place-based care.

- 3.2 Islington GP Federation provides the I:HUB service, which allows Islington residents to access NHS primary care from 8am to 8pm seven days a week. In May 2018, Islington GP Federation became London's "Healthier Communities" champion in NHS70's Parliamentary Awards, in recognition of its Quality Improvement team's work to improve health outcomes across the borough.
- 3.3 There is no legislative requirement for Health and Wellbeing Boards to include such a representative. However, Islington has chosen to include major local providers on its Board to ensure that a wide range of views and experiences are reflected at Board meetings.
- 3.4 The GP Federation Observer would be a non-voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and therefore would have the same status as The Camden and Islington NHS Trust, The Whittington NHS Trust, and the Voluntary Sector Representative at Board meetings.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications:

None.

4.2 Legal Implications:

Health and Social Care Act 2012 provides for core statutory membership; the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board, set out in the Council's Constitution, allows the Health and Wellbeing Board to appoint additional non-voting co-opted members to the Board.

4.3 Environmental Implications

There are unlikely to be any significant environmental implications of appointing a GP Federation observer to the Health and Wellbeing Board, although there will be minor impacts related to their attendance, such as printing meeting papers and how they travel to meetings.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A resident impact assessment is not required. There are no specific or direct resident impacts associated with the appointment of a GP Federation observer. However, the appointment will support the Health and Wellbeing Board in considering a wider range of views in strategic discussions.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The Board is asked to appoint Michael Clowes of the Islington GP Federation as a non-voting observer to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Appendices

- None.

Background papers:

- None.

Signed by:

31 October 2018

Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

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