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London Borough of Islington
Health and Care Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 9 May 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee held at on Thursday, 9 May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Gantly (Chair), Turan (Vice-Chair), Klute and Clarke, Gill

Also Present: **Councillors** Burgess

Councillor Osh Gantly in the Chair

57 INTRODUCTIONS (ITEM NO. 1)

The Chair introduced Members and Officers to the meeting

58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (ITEM NO. 2)

Councillor Khurana and Chowdhury

59 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (ITEM NO. 3)

Councillor Gill stated that he was substituting for Councillor Khurana

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM NO. 4)

None

61 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (ITEM NO. 5)

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the following amendment – the insertion in minute 53 of the words ‘Concern was raised at the lack of access to the St.Pancras site, and that this needed to be looked at in terms of public transport ‘- the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 March 2019 be confirmed and the Chair be authorised to sign them

62 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (ITEM NO.)

Reference was made to minute 54 and that the issue of some pregnant ethnic minority women being refused treatment and access to medical services needed to be investigated at a future date by the Committee and that this should be added to the future work programme

RESOLVED:

Accordingly

63 CHAIR'S REPORT (ITEM NO. 6)

The Chair stated that she had heard that there may be a proposal to close the A&E department at the Whittington Hospital. The Committee stated that an e mail should be sent to the Chief Executive enquiring if this rumour is correct

RESOLVED:

Accordingly

64 **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE (ITEM NO.)**

Councillor Janet Burgess, Executive Member Health and Social Care, was present at the meeting and outlined the issues discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 20 March 2019

During discussion the following main points were made –

- Reference was made to the presentation made at the Health and Wellbeing Board and that a copy of this presentation would be circulated to Members
- Work is taking place with health partners on health integration in Islington, which is currently working well, and that further plans were being drawn up
- Noted that work was taking place on integration across North Central London in relation to more integration of digital technology and workforce issues
- Other issues such as mental health, discharge from care, more support for informal carers were also discussed
- Noted that work has been taking place with the Whittington Hospital over the past year in relation to locality work and GP's
- In response to a question as to more integrated working across NCL, it was stated that the more that boroughs/organisations worked together was felt to be beneficial

RESOLVED:

That the presentation slides referred to above be circulated to Members of the Committee

65 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM NO. 7)**

The Chair outlined the procedure for Public questions and filming and recording at the meeting

66 **SCRUTINY REVIEW - ADULT CARERS/GREEN PAPER - REVISED SID (ITEM NO. 9)**

Jess McGregor, Assistant Director Strategy and Commissioning was present and outlined the revised SID.

During consideration of the SID and her verbal submission the following main points were made –

- Members were informed that the Green Paper on social care was not likely to be published for some time and therefore focus should be on the Adult Paid carers part of the review. Members concurred with this view and the Green Paper consideration should be deferred until it was published
- The revised SID focused more on providing a better on home care services, and was timely as there is a 'break clause' on contracts after 2 years. The review will enable the current service to be looked at and to propose improvements
- The view was expressed that users of the service should be added to the witness list

RESOLVED:

That the revised SID be agreed and 'users of the service' be added to the list of witnesses that evidence will be received from

67 **SCRUTINY REVIEW - GP SURGERIES - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS (ITEM NO. 10)**

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Rebecca Kingsnorth, Islington CCG was present and outlined the draft recommendations to the Committee.

Following consideration of the recommendations the following main points were made –

- Members expressed the view that in relation to recommendation 4, they felt that the high cost of living/housing was a deterrent to recruitment, however with the lack of social housing in the borough this would be a difficult issue to resolve
- In relation to recommendation 7, and the North London Health Information Exchange, it was felt that this should be looked at at a future date
- In relation to recommendation 9, additional details of the new GP contract proposals relating to recruitment re: social prescribers be added to the recommendation
- Recommendation 10 – add sentence to make clear that if the 25% on line appointments are not taken up, these can then revert to normal appointments that can be booked in the normal way by patients

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the above amendments, the draft recommendations be approved and the final report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee

68 SCRUTINY REVIEW - AIR QUALITY IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH - 12 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT (ITEM NO. 11)

Andrew Ford, Environment and Pollution Policy Protection Officer, Environment and Regeneration Department was present and outlined the report.

During consideration of the report the following main points were made –

- Reference was made to the roll out of electric charging points,
- It was noted that a new Transport strategy would be issued in the near future, which Members could comment on
- Discussion took place on higher charges for larger engine vehicles and the difficulties in identifying vehicle types in relation to SUV, however this could be looked at further
- It was noted that in relation to recommendation 2, that 8 schools were being monitored and that this monitoring would 'roll out' across all primary schools. In the longer term it is anticipated that all schools would be included. Data on the study of 8 schools would be published when available
- Discussion took place as to the fact that narrowboats on canals and waterways are currently exempted from the Clean Air Act, and that DEFRA were currently looking at this
- Reference was made to the new Environment Act, and that this addressed the issue of air quality
- Members congratulated officers on the progress of the recommendations

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 p.m.

Chair