

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2018

Councillors Present: Councillor Jonathan McShane in the Chair
David Maher, Paul Fleming, Dr Navina Evans,
Tracey Fletcher, Andrew Wallace, Anne Canning,
David Maher, Raj Radia

Officers in Attendance: Nicole Klynman, Anna Garner, Angela Alabi, Peter Gray

1 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed all those present and introductions were made.

2. Apologies for absence

2.1 Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Kim Wright, Penny Bevan and Deputy Mayor Bramble.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record

4. Declarations of Interest - Members to Declare as Appropriate

4.1 There were no declarations of interests.

5. Community Voice

5.1 Joe spoke to the Board about 'taking the stress out of studying.' He told the Board of problems around stress and distress arising from on current pressures on school children. He referred to excessive homework and sanctions at school together with little understanding of the difficulties that school children were experiencing. He expressed concern at the cuts to services to special education needs children and its impact on these children. He considered that there was a real crisis in mental health among school children. In response to Board questions on what support could be provided Joe confirmed that he wanted people to know that this was a mental health problem and hoped that an understanding of the associated difficulties was shown together with effective support. Joe told the Board that the campaign had its own website.

5.2 Abdullah told the Board of his rare genetic disease, affecting his muscle capability and needed more support than he was currently receiving. He expressed concern that cuts to special education needs provision would have a big impact on his life and his ability to function effectively and to achieve his goals.

5.3 Anne Canning told the Board that a desire remained for high standards for school children but there had been a slight shift in Ofsted's attitude with a broader emphasis. The issues identified were being considered by the partnership. She confirmed that following communication from ministers the consultation on the SEND proposals would be consulted on again. She referred to the 5% cuts to the service and that this was part of a much larger budget and that the Council had to operate within its financial envelope. Dr Navina Evans stressed the need for work with young people, schools and the community to help prevent young people developing mental health problems.

5.4 The Chair emphasised that given limited resources in this area there was a need for effective communication with school children on issues that were of importance to them.

6. End of Life Care

5.1 Anna Garner introduced the report on 'End of Life Care' as considered by Health and Hackney Scrutiny Commission. There had been some concerns about the response and she went on to recommend that all such reports relating to health matters be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in future, inviting relevant stakeholders to attend, one of which could be invited to sit as a member of the Board. She confirmed that much co-ordinated work ongoing in this area.

RESOLVED

To note the report.

7. Update on East London Health Care Partnership

7.1 The Board noted an update on the East London Health Care Partnership, including that the STP was to establish governance arrangements to ensure joined up decision making. Further work was continuing to develop the plan in more detail and additional updates would be presented to the Board as they become available. In terms of workforce, work was ongoing, including around key working accommodation. An internal portal was to be established for those individuals who wished to work in the area. The Board noted benefits of the STP including, clinical benefits, mental health access, primary care and workforce planning. The Board further stressed the need for devolution receipts to remain in East London. Dr Navina Evans stressed the need to influence discussion on this in London.

8. Complaints Charter - Agreement of Charter Design

8.1 The Board reviewed and made suggestions regarding the format of the poster and booklet for the Complaints Charter.

Agreed:

1. To agree the format of the complaints poster and booklet for the Complaints Charter.
2. To note that the Charter would be launched at the next meeting of the Board.

9. City and Hackney Safeguarding Children's Board - Annual Report 2016/17

9.1 Angela Bent introduced the report which set out:

- the governance and accountability arrangements for the CHSCB and the structures in place to support the CHSCB to do its work effectively;
- the context for safeguarding children and young people in the City of London, highlighting the progress made by the City partnership over the last year and the challenges going forward;
- the context for safeguarding children and young people in the London Borough of Hackney, highlighting the progress made by the Hackney partnership over the last year and the challenges going forward;
- highlighted the lessons that the CHSCB has identified through its Learning & Improvement Framework and the actions taken to improve child safeguarding and welfare as a result of this activity;
- described the range and impact of the multi-agency safeguarding training delivered by the CHSCB and a brief account of the single agency training delivered by partners; and
- set out the priorities going forward and the key messages from the Independent Chair of the CHSCB to key people involved in the safeguarding of children and young people

9.2 Angela told the Board of the increase in pressure on children's services. She added that current benefits cuts had put pressure on families in the Borough.

10. Members stepping down from the Board

10.1 The Board noted that Councillor Jonathan McShane would no longer be a Councillor after the May elections and would be stepping down as chair of the Board. The Board thanked Councillor McShane for all his work and for championing health and social care in the Borough.

10.2 The Board noted that Paul Fleming was stepping down as chair of Hackney Healthwatch and from the Board. Member thanked him for his contribution to the Board.

Agreed:

To note the report.

11. Dates of Future Meeting

13th June 2018

Duration of the meeting: 6:00 – 7:30 pm