

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2022 AT 4pm.**

The meeting can be viewed here:

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Members Present:

In Person

Mayor Philip Glanville (Chair)

Dr Mark Rickets (Chair) (North East London Clinical Commissioning Group)

Ajman Ali, (Group Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing)

Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble (Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care - Hackney Council)

Councillor Fagina-Thomas (Cabinet Member for Community Safety)

Councillor Christopher Kennedy (Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure - Hackney Council)

Virtually

Malcolm Alexander (Interim Chair of Hackney Healthwatch)

Marcus Barnett (Borough Command Unit Commander (Hackney and Tower Hamlets) Metropolitan Police)

Tracey Fletcher (Chief Executive - Homerton Hospital)

Frances Haste (Community Voluntary Sector, Hackney Representative)

Dr Sandra Husbands (Director of Public Health, City and Hackney)

Susan Masters (Community Voluntary Sector, Hackney)

Andrew Munk (Head of Employment, Skills and Adult Learning, Hackney Council) (Substituting for Stephen Haynes)

Laura Sharpe (Chief Executive - General Practitioners Confederation)

Councillor Carole Williams (Cabinet Member for Employment and Human Resources)

Helen Woodland (Group Director, Adults, Health and Integration - Hackney Council)

**Officers in Attendance
(Virtually):**

Diana Divajeva (Principal Public Health Analyst - Hackney Council)
Donna Doherty-Kelly (Principal Public Health Specialist - Hackney Council)
Peter Gray (Governance Officer - Hackney Council) (In person)
Tyler Linton (Group Engineer - Sustainable Transport and Engagement Street Scene - Hackney Council)
Chris Lovitt (Deputy Director of Public Health - City and Hackney)
Andrew Trathen (Consultant in Public Health, City and Hackney)
Dave Trew (Land, Water, Air Team Manager - Environmental Services - Hackney Council)

Also in Attendance

Clair Battaglino
Professor Angela Harden (Professor of Health Sciences)
Judy Harris (Evaluation and Engagement Manager - Connect Hackney)
Lorraine Sunduza (Chief Nurse - East London Foundation Trust)
Jon Williams (Director - Healthwatch Hackney)

1. Welcome from the Chair

1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the Board meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

2.1 Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Jacquie Burke, Stephen Haynes and Rosemary Jawara.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 The Community Voluntary Sector Hackney Representative, Susan Masters declared that she was a Councillor at Newham Council.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 2021 be agreed as a correct record, subject to amending, City and Hackney Integrated

Commissioning Board to City and Hackney Integrated Care Partnership, at 7.11 of the minutes.

Matters arising - Minute 8.8

- 4.2 The Director of Public Health (City and Hackney) and the Principal Public Health Analyst asked the Board for advice on the appropriate time to commence the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) cycle to ensure proper coordination with the work of the system partners.
- 4.3 The Deputy Director of Public Health (City and Hackney) confirmed that the National Health Service (NHS) cycle was in September/October time with discussions about commissioning decisions. He considered that this process should be based on the financial year to ensure informed decision making. He stressed that this would be a dynamic ongoing process to ensure the JSNA was always up to date.
- 4.4 Mayor Glanville asked what cycle the JSNA was currently in. He asked for clarification about its interaction with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and other strategic initiatives. He told the Board that he had recently been in discussion with mental health champions on areas of concern coming out of the pandemic, including the impact of long COVID-19 on mental health.
- 4.5 The Chief Executive of the General Practitioners Confederation referred to the uncertainties arising from the changes to current health system structures, impacting on planning arrangements. She stated that given that the NHS was currently considering investments for the following financial year it would assist to be aware of any strategic needs that required to be addressed. This should be included in the joint planning process for next year.
- 4.6 The Principal Public Health Analyst confirmed that the previous JSNA was produced in 2018 and that work in this area had stopped since the pandemic. Work would commence to compile the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, with a report to the Board later in the year. There would be a staggered approach to this process with prioritisation of needs.
- 4.7 The Group Director, Adults, Health and Integration suggested that the priorities for the JSNA be set out for the Board for this year.

- 4.8 Mayor Glanville suggested that progress on the development of the JSNA be continuously shared with further collaborative work on the JSNA timeline.

5. Action Tracker

- 5.1 Mayor Glanville reported progress on the action tracker.
- 5.2 It was agreed that action 4 needs to be amended based on the previous discussion on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- 5.3 That progress on action 2 be investigated and reported to the next meeting of the Board.

Action: Principal Public Health Specialist

RESOLVED:

- To note the action tracker.

6. Decision Log

- 6.1 Mayor Glanville introduced the decision log, which has 2 new decisions that were made virtually since the November Board meeting.

RESOLVED:

- To note the decision log.

7. Questions from Members of the Public

- 7.1 Mayor Glanville introduced the item. Clair Battaglino, a Hackney resident, had submitted the following question to the Board:

‘What is the Health & Well-being Board doing to monitor the negative health impacts on people who live and attend school & nurseries on roads where there has been high levels of traffic displacement since the implementation of Hackney’s so-called Low Traffic Neighbourhoods? Like many other residents and school children I am now faced with hours of congestion and raised levels of pollution. In my case I have needed to be prescribed an inhaler. This has been recorded at my own GP Surgery but I wonder if this information and the link between lung health and increased congestion/pollution is being analysed borough-wide for residents of these roads and school children attending schools on them. Some examples roads are Dalston Lane, Balls Pond Rd, Graham Rd, Northwold Rd, Amhurst Rd. Schools & nurseries now facing hours of congestion include: Mossbourne Parkside Academy, Minik Kardes Nursery, The City Academy, Cardinal Pole, Northwold Primary and Rooftop Nursery.’

- 7.2 Clair Battaglino highlighted the following;
- That many people suffering from respiratory difficulties arising from traffic displacement onto streets such as Blackstock Road, Dalston Lane and Manor Road in the Borough;
 - Reference to her own difficulties in breathing;
 - Reference to the asthma hotspot near Blackstock Road;
 - The need to consider the impact of pollution from congestion on specific roads.
- 7.3 Councillor Coban read the response to the question to the Board. (The response is attached to these minutes). He told the Board that he had met with Clair to discuss these issues with plans for future meetings. He confirmed that the Council remained committed to reducing traffic levels and improving air quality across Hackney.
- 7.4 Mayor Glanville referred to the comprehensive air quality map received from Councillor Coban and asked when the map would be updated. He referred to the fact that there were plans for the production of more real time data on air quality. He confirmed that some locations in the Borough such as Dalston Lane, Mossbourne Park and Blackstock Road do have air monitoring.
- 7.5 Deputy Mayor Bramble stated that the existence of interactive live data was critical to the dialogue around air quality. She considered that there was a need to review the data. She told the Board that she had met with Claire to discuss this matter. A further meeting was to take place with officers from the Council's Education and Environment Departments and Councillor Coban to continue the dialogue. She stressed that the Council wished to have a healthier environment in the borough and that Lower Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) were a tool being used in this regard.
- 7.6 The Land, Water and Air Team Manager (Hackney Council) told the Board that the data for 2020 was on the air quality map. It was necessary to receive the data for December 2021 with the calculation of the annual mean. It would be necessary to carry out a ratification process and quality control. The Greater London Authority required that this information be included in the Annual Report, due in May 2022.
- 7.7 Clair Battaglino expressed concern that the areas already known to have very high levels of pollution now had extra traffic on them. She referred to an increase in pollution in Waltham Forest where LTNs were in place. She further stated that increases in traffic were affecting people's ability to walk in the Borough. People from the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities considered that they were being left out of the healthy Hackney initiatives with increased divisions in communities.

7.8 Councillor Coban highlighted that

- The traffic measures in place were experimental;
- Decisions will be made on the effectiveness of each scheme;
- Traffic in Homerton and Hoxton in LTNs had reduced considerably;
- Reduction in traffic on the boundary roads;
- Work was ongoing to mitigate problems arising from the schemes;
- Emissions outside school gates had reduced considerably;
- More children were now walking and cycling to school;
- The Council had made a commitment to take action on air quality and LTNs were part of that process.

7.9 Councillor Coban thanked Clair for her question and looked forward to future discussions.

7.10 Mayor Glanville stated that consideration would be given to how the Health and Wellbeing Board wished to take this matter forward and build it into its work programme. There was a commitment to consider green policies at a future Board meeting with emphasis on the key determinants of health. He thanked Clair for her question and officers' contributions on this matter.

8. Health and Wellbeing Board Membership changes

8.1 Mayor Glanville introduced the paper, consulting the Health and Wellbeing Board on proposed changes to its membership with two additional members to increase representation from the Voluntary and Community Sector. It was hoped that arrangements in relation to the appointment of a Fire Brigade representative would be in place by the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- To appoint Frances Haste and Susan Masters as additional representatives of the community and voluntary sector on the Hackney Health and Wellbeing Board from March 2022 onwards.

9. COVID-19 Update

9.1 The Director of Public Health (City and Hackney) updated the Board on COVID-19 as follows:

- There had been a decrease in national case rates;
- The case rate for the Borough of Hackney in the week up to 18 January was 706 cases per 100,000 of the population - approximately a $\frac{1}{3}$ decrease;

- Most Council borough wards were recording a case incidence rate of less than 500 cases per 100,000 of the population with only one ward above this case level;
- PCR testing positivity rates had also decreased but continued to be high - 20 percent in the week to January 2022, decreasing from 26 percent;
- Lateral flow tests positivity rates reported was approximately 6 percent;
- Testing capacity was currently under pressure with a decrease in positivity numbers;
- Infection transmission was slowing down;
- Case rates have reduced in every age group, except for primary school aged children;
- Continuation of outbreaks in primary and secondary school settings;
- As of 27 January 2022 there was a first dose COVID-19 vaccine coverage of 64 percent of the population aged 12 and over, 58 percent had received a second dose and 36 percent had received a third dose;
- Work was ongoing on how the service would support people in using their own judgement and preparing for the potential for all measures to be lifted.

9.2 Mayor Glanville thanked those who were part of the public statement on the previous day, in relation to the change in restrictions.

10. Community Voice

10.1 Mayor Glanville told the Board that Malcolm Alexander had sent a letter to the Co-Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to the current support to older people in the Borough at this stage of the Pandemic. The letter was responded to on 26 January 2022.

(These documents are attached to these minutes)

10.2 Malcolm Alexander addressed the Board, highlighting the following:

- There were concerns about the position of vulnerable groups, particularly the over 60s and those who are immuno-suppressed as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted;
- That the public were forgetting the dangers of COVID-19;
- There were very severe consequences of COVID-19 amongst the population;
- There was a need for more data on the impact of COVID-19 on older people and those with comorbidities;
- Many older people isolate in order to protect themselves with an impact on some people's mental health;

- Individuals did not always have access to higher grade masks to protect them;
- Emphasis on the importance of wearing masks and keeping distances;
- Working together to provide effective guidance for residents on issues such as wearing face covering;
- The need to consider the impact of long COVID-19, in particular in relation to older people. There was currently insufficient data nationally about the impact on older people;
- The need for more data on the age and ethnicity of those in Intensive Care;
- Concerns about many people were waiting long periods of time for ambulances and in ambulances outside hospitals/
- That data around local hospitals should be made available at the Board;
- The campaign against vaccination by health service staff was a cause for concern;
- The importance of preparedness for the impact of any further wave of the virus;
- Why second boosters were not being given to the most vulnerable.

10.3 Mayor Glanville stressed the impacts of COVID-19, in particular on the most vulnerable.

10.4 The Director of Public Health (City and Hackney) welcomed the offer from Healthwatch Hackney in relation to ensuring effective messaging, particularly to older people and the vulnerable. She highlighted the following:

- Efforts were continually made to ensure that people protect themselves and each other during the crisis;
- The overriding importance of vaccination;
- As yet it was not known if a second booster was necessary or appropriate. This is under constant review;
- The only way to get out of the pandemic was at endemic levels requiring a global response and vaccine equity;
- Public Health continued to advocate for all measures including wearing face masks;
- Higher grade masks were difficult to come by and were expensive. These did not work if they are not properly fitted;
- The effectiveness of masks was considerably increased as more people wear them;
- Hospital staff are aware of the backgrounds of those in intensive care and there was a need to find a way to extract that data;
- The importance of the population using good judgement.

10.5 Mayor Glanville welcomed more collaborative engagement in relation to COVID-19.

10.6 The Clinical Commissioning Group representative told the Board that higher grade masks, which healthcare workers and doctors wear needed to be fitted correctly and were uncomfortable to wear. He considered that alternative masks worked well for members of the public and stressed the importance of wearing a mask, ventilation and distancing.

11. Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26: update

11.1 The Principal Public Health Specialist introduced the report. In November 2021 the Board had approved the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for formal consultation. The strategy was published on 24 November and the 12 week consultation was underway. There had been 115 responses at this time. One hundred paper copies had been sent to residents, and there had been attendance at 31 meetings with 220 stakeholders to date. Volunteer Centre Hackney and residents were carrying out drop-ins in the current week, to promote the consultation. The responses appeared to be supportive of the 3 priority areas in the strategy. Work would be carried out following consultation on actions under the priorities. The consultation will close on 17 February 2022, with the amended strategy being submitted to the meeting of the Board in March 2022. The strategy was to be launched during the summer of 2022.

11.2 Mayor Glanville stressed the importance of collaborative working in the completion of the strategy. He asked if there was a need for consultation with other groups on the strategy. He emphasised the need to build on the work that had already been carried out in this area and that the action plan on the strategy should clearly identify areas of responsibilities for delivery. He referred to the comprehensive engagement on the strategy and thanked those involved in this.

11.3 Councillor Kennedy stated that although the response rate was good, there was need for improvement to ensure that the strategy was fit for purpose on implementation. He suggested the prioritisation of the area of mental health.

11.4 The Community and Voluntary Sector representative, Susan Masters, referred to the work currently carried out by the VCS Assembly, which recently focused on mental health.

11.5 The Principal Public Health Specialist stated that there was a need for increased conversation over the remainder of the consultation period with Asian communities, Orthodox Jewish communities, the Fire Brigade and young people.

RESOLVED:

- To note the progress made with the consultation and the planned next steps for the Strategy development.

12. Director of Public Health Annual Report (2021/22)

12. The Deputy City and Hackney Director of Public Health introduced the report, informing the Board about the plans for the Annual Director of Public Health report, 2021/22. He highlighted the following:

- The Omicron outbreak had impacted the ability to work on the annual report and that there were plans for its production in April 2022;
- There had been much work on the need for recommissioning of children's services;
- The report would detail the impact of COVID-19 on children;

RESOLVED:

- To note the plans for the 2021/22 Annual Director of Public Health Report.

13. Synergi Pledge Makers Progress Report

13.1 The Consultant in Public Health introduced the Synergi Pledge Makers progress report. Key areas of progress were highlighted, alongside areas of challenge. He referred to the twice annual reporting to the Board for review and engagement in regard to areas that should be focused on for future reports. He encouraged members to contact him or Rhiannan England if they wished to be more engaged with the project.

13.2 Mayor Glanville stated that this work was an indication of the commitment that existed around mental health. There was an overlap with the work being carried out by 'Thrive' and the East London Foundation Trust on disproportionality and inequalities, in particular around mental health. He stressed the need to reduce inequalities and disparities coming out of COVID-19, closing the gaps that exist. He referred to the work around young black men and community trauma and mental health services outcomes. He stressed the need for community trust and confidence in the health system. Mayor Glanville stated that different communities accessed mental health services in different ways, and experienced different degrees of ability to access services outside the NHS. The report made a big contribution to future steps in this work and it was necessary to engage more closely with it and make it a bigger part of the work carried out in this area. He stressed the importance of having a structure to take forward this work. There was a need to remain focused on this area of activity that was subject to ongoing change. Mayor Glanville told the Board that he had attended the Greater London Assembly events and workshops with discussions around health and wellbeing strategies. It was clear that mental health and wellbeing were big priorities for the people of Hackney and the anchor institutions. There

was a need to convey to residents and voluntary sector representatives that the necessary change was being delivered with appropriate delivery. He asked that the next update to the Board on Synergi Pledge Makers include a case study.

Action: Consultant in Public Health

- 13.3 Deputy Mayor Bramble stated that trauma-based practice was now more prevalent in children's social care with discussions ongoing on this. She highlighted the need to explore nuance in communities around delayed trauma. Work in relation to young black men had progressed well. However, there was a need for this work to be embedded into partnerships, ensuring that these young black men are being reached. The Board had the opportunity to explore and define this area of work with any learning being used as a broader approach around the Council's commitment to improving the position of young black men.
- 13.4 The City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group Representative asked what work was ongoing to reach different cultural groups in the community and what different approaches could be taken on this in the future.
- 13.5 The Consultant in Public Health reported in relation to the mental health fund that this was a good opportunity to build on existing structures. The Council was in the second phase of recruiting community organisations which would expand the reach to groups who are currently underserved. A number of organisations were delivering at present with innovative interventions. He stated that the pledge was enabling networking and coordination with ongoing opportunities for sharing good practice.
- 13.6 The Clinical Lead for Mental Health, City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group told the Board that the initiative was a work in progress and that it was important from a health perspective to remain focused on making mental health services accessible with innovative approaches. There was much commitment to this work amongst partners. The relevant Local Authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Group have signed up as a system. She asked for feedback and comments to feed into the next report and how services are funded.

RESOLVED:

- To note the content of the progress report
- To note further activities underway which will feature in subsequent bi-annual report

14. Connect Hackney Phase 2 Reach and Impact Report (Pre- Covid)

14.1 The older people at Connect Hackney provided the Board with background to the organisation, together with its aims and vision. Connect Hackney was a research programme focused on preventing

and reducing the social isolation of people aged over 50. The programme had produced a quantitative impact report which had been shared with the Board, along with the programme's key recommendations for health and wellbeing services. They requested that the findings be used to inform the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the action plan. Professor Angela Harden presented to the Board highlighting the following:

- Connect Hackney participant characteristics: Gender Age, Ethnicity and LGBTQ;
- Connect Hackney participant living arrangements, carer status and illness or Disability;
- Loneliness by age;
- Lonely participants in poorer health;
- Programme Impact; loneliness, health-related quality of life, self-reported health, wellbeing, engagement in social activities compared to others;
- Impact on loneliness: 12% reduction in the proportion of participants Classified at baseline;
- Impact on loneliness: 22% lifted out of loneliness;
- Impact on mental wellbeing: 16% reduction in the proportion of participants classified with low mental wellbeing at programme entry;
- Key success factors: Sustained proactive strategies to reach the most isolated/ support for those not initially ready to connect/ regular meaningful and shared activities/ skills and qualities of project staff and project environment/ projects as a bridge to other activities;
- The Older People's Committee had been a driving force in this work, helping with commissioning and evaluation.
- 14 recommendations based on 7 qualitative reports had been sent to the board with the request that they inform the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy action plan.

14.3 Mayor Glanville welcomed Hackney Community and Voluntary representatives and Connect Hackney to the meeting and thanked them for their work on the programme. He told the Board of Councillor Kennedy's involvement in this work. The Ageing Well Strategy and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy would be informed by the recommendations arising from this work. Isolation and a community response was a priority in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. He considered that it was necessary to have a report back on the initiative given the detailed set of questions. He asked if there were other parts of the system where the report would be submitted. The funding for the project was coming to an end and he asked what other funders could

be approached to ensure a continuation of funding. He referred to the fact that isolation evolves over a period of time with a deterioration in mental health.

- 14.4 Deputy Mayor Bramble recommended that this initiative be linked into the broader work being carried out with young people around intergenerational work, using those involved in the organisation as a resource.
- 14.5 Councillor Kennedy thanked all those involved in the preparation of the report. He said that there were synergies with other work underway elsewhere. Many of the recommendations in the report were in line with the work that would continue through the Ageing Well Strategy and with changes to the grants provision with the introduction of a £400,000 grant fund for organisations to establish themselves. Further, the Council was looking at how it uses its buildings to support community activity. Councillor Kennedy stated that Council activity would continue to be informed by the recommendations of the Connect Hackney report. He suggested that the Council demonstrate in the future how it implemented the recommendations.
- 14.6 The City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group Representative thanked all those involved in the preparation of the report. He considered that there were many areas around the findings that could be explored further and supported. He said that the health elements in the report went into the wider determinants of health and prevention. He referred to the population health hub and the reinvigoration of prevention investments, stressing that social isolation was a very potent factor in causing ill health.
- 14.7 The Evaluation and Engagement Manager at Hackney CVS stated that work was ongoing on inputting into the system and referred to the support of Councillors Maxwell, Kennedy and Adejare. There were to be a number of show and tell sessions in the future and work was ongoing with the population health hub and input into the service specification for the service design work. She told the Board that there was the possibility of remaining for a further year, sharing findings, learning and fundraising, with older people at the forefront. The aim was to secure the adoption of the recommendations and that they are delivered in a way that enables people to be reached and make social connections.
- 14.8 Mayor Glanville stated that a response be provided to the paper within the next 6 months with discussions on monitoring and impact during this time. The work of Connect Hackney should also be tracked if an extension is granted. He stated that it would assist to be informed early of gaps in the system if projects are at risk.
- 14.9 That a response be made to the Board within 6 months with discussion on monitoring and impact during this time.

Action: Judy Harris (Connect Hackney)

15. Sexual and Reproductive Health Commissioning

- 15.1 The Senior Public Health Specialist introduced the report on the commissioning of services to support the sexual and reproductive health of the local population. A range of services were commissioned including universal practice and targeted services. Collaboration with local partners underpinned the commissioning together with a drive to tackle health inequalities. The report detailed plans for a sexual and reproductive health needs assessment, a womens' reproductive health survey and sexual health strategy.
- 15.2 Mayor Glanville referred to pressures on work around Sexual and Reproductive Health Commissioning as a result of COVID-19. He welcomed the report and stressed the need to remain engaged with this process with further updates to the Board.

Action: Senior Public Health Specialist

RESOLVED:

- To note the report

16. Any other business that the chair considers urgent

- 16.1 There was no other urgent business.

End of meeting.

4pm to 6:00pm

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