

Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 8 February 2023 Tackling inequalities in local mental health services - work of ELFT	Item No 4
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PURPOSE OF ITEM

To discuss with senior officers from ELFT the work they have been doing on tackling inequalities in the provision of local mental health services in Hackney, in particular the Patient and Carers Race Equality Framework.

OUTLINE

The issue has come up from Members (e.g. "language and cultural barriers in mental health commissioning and provision") but also from our Annual Scrutiny Survey. The aim is to get an overview of the work strands or programmes ELFT has in place on tackling inequalities in East London, with particular reference to Hackney.

For some time there have been concerns about how recovery outcomes for Black African and Afro Caribbean Heritage Men in particular have been poorer than for the rest of the population. What progress is being made here? Members would like to hear what the latest data is in terms of which groups are prioritised for action.

The aim in the discussion is to explore with ELFT such aspects as:

- cultural awareness (among staff and co-producing organisations)
- accessibility of your community services and treatment pathways
- trends in re-admission rates or average lengths of stay across ethnicities
- trends in the use of force across different ethnic groups
- the role of unconscious bias on perceptions of risk (what learning are you applying)
- having a holistic understanding of issues such as stigma within certain communities and how you address that
- aversion to use of medication in certain groups and how you address that

Members appreciate that a wider conversation with commissioners and other mental health partners is needed but for this item we would like to focus on ELFT our largest local mental health provider.

Attached please find a briefing paper *Tackling inequalities in local mental health services*.

Attending for this item will be:

Paul Calaminus, CEO, ELFT

Lorraine Sunduza, Chief Nurse and Deputy CEO, ELFT

Dean Henderson, Borough Director for City and Hackney, ELFT

ACTION

Members are requested to give consideration to the discussion.