

Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Thursday 24 September
2020 at 3.00 pm

This was a virtual meeting on MS Teams

PRESENT: Councillor Kieron Williams (Chair)
Nancy Kuchemann (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Cassie Buchanan
Councillor Helen Dennis
Sam Hepplewhite
Eleanor Kelly
Jin Lim
Chris Mikata Pralat
Catherine Negus
Councillor David Noakes
David Quirke-Thornton

OFFICER Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Team
SUPPORT:

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and board members introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Austin, David Bradley and Clive Kay. They were substituted by Paran Govender, Neil Robertson and Heather

Gilmour respectively.

Apologies for lateness were received from David Quirke Thornton.

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Those listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the meeting.

4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2020 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

7. COVID 19 PANDEMIC OVERSIGHT

Jin Lim, Director of Public Health, presented the latest information from the last week. He explained that a daily data dashboard was produced as part of the surveillance of the pandemic to indicate its impact in Southwark.

The presentation included information on Test & Trace Cases / Outbreaks / NHS indicators.

The Board discussed the testing of school staff (and the long journeys that some teachers and parents had faced to be tested) as well as the problems with the system of testing generally. Testing capacity was set to improve with new infrastructure being ready. Everyone in the community should be behaving in the right way by being vigilant and careful.

Additional funding had been made available by the Government to support the public health effort. Part of that included an on-street presence by environment health and licencing officers who were supporting businesses and the public via engagement and education to encourage social distancing. Prevention and

effective messaging were part of that process. There was a London-wide approach.

Jin introduced the updated outbreak prevention and control plan report included in the agenda pack. He highlighted the work being done on Comms via emails, newsletters and targeted social media campaigns. There was support for community leaders and strong links with enforcement teams and the Police. The contact tracing system was also up and running and that would be discussed at the next meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for their work on this.

8. PARTNERSHIP SOUTHWARK RECOVERY PLAN

Sam Hepplewhite, SE London CCG and Hayley Ormandy, Partnership Southwark, introduced the report included in the agenda pack.

Sam gave an update on the flu vaccination programme. A borough-wide flu working group had been set up. It would focus initially on the at-risk groups and ensure that staff were also vaccinated as well as people in care homes. Several practices had already received their vaccines.

The Board discussed the progress of the vaccination programme. Practices were contacting registered patients about the flu vaccine. A national advertising campaign would commence in October. A leaflet was available to bust myths around the vaccine and explain the differences and similarities of flu with Covid.

The Board discussed the myth-busting leaflet being made available to schools. The London-wide school nursing service would deliver the flu vaccine to schools. Advice clinics would also offer 121s with parents to talk them through any vaccine hesitancy.

The Board recognised the importance of supporting staff and residents in care settings.

RESOLVED:

The Board agreed the draft Partnership Southwark Recovery Plan, and associated leadership, engagement and governance arrangement as set out in the plan.

The Chair thanked Hayley and Partnership Southwark for their work on the plan.

At the end of the Health and Wellbeing Review item the Board returned to this item and agreed the second recommendation in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the accountability arrangements for the Partnership Southwark Strategic Chair be approved.

9. HEALTHWATCH SOUTHWARK COVID 19 REPORT

Catherine Negus, Healthwatch Southwark, introduced the report included in the agenda pack. This was followed by questions.

The Chair agreed to an item on mental health issues being brought to a future meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board. All partners were invited to take the report back to their organisations and see how best to respond to the findings.

The Board welcomed and noted the report.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to questions, Board members gave the following responses:

Communications to schools – a regular weekly email was going to all head teachers in the borough and a 7-days a week advice service for schools had been set up. More information was needed around outbreaks.

Care homes – 75% of the infection control fund that has come in to the borough has been passed to care homes and accommodation with support so that all the staff would get paid if they have to self-isolate or are off sick. Home care agencies are also being supported. We are hosting the PPE arrangements for the six boroughs of South East London. Locally the partners are working well together to ensure we are doing all that we can in the circumstances.

Collectively, the communications message on meeting all the guidelines would continue to be circulated.

11. THE HEALTH INEQUALITIES FRAMEWORK FOR SOUTHWARK

Jin Lim gave an overview of the report that was included in the agenda pack.

The Board discussed the wider social economic factors and how families could be supported. It was not a short-term fix. To address health inequalities there would be short-term medium-term and long-term actions. It would be an ongoing long-term approach.

The Board highlighted the importance of good employment.

RESOLVED:

The Board approved the Health Inequalities Framework.

12. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD REVIEW

Jin Lim introduced the report that was included in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED:

The Board agreed the recommendations in the report.

At the end of this item the Board returned to the Partnership Southwark Recovery Plan item and agreed the second recommendation in that report.

13. PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA) SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT COVERING CHANGES TO LOCAL PHARMACIES MAY 2019 - AUGUST 2020

Jin Lim introduced the report included in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED:

The Board noted the report.

14. AIR QUALITY 2019 ANNUAL STATUS REPORT

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be considered at a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 4.58pm

CHAIR:

DATED: