



Health and Wellbeing Board

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Thursday 19 June 2025 at 10.00 am at Southwark Council, Ground floor meeting rooms, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:	Councillor Evelyn Akoto (Chair) Dr Nancy Kuchemann Councillor Jasmine Ali Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall Darren Summers (for Southwark Maternity Commission Action Plan item only) Alasdair Smith (representing David Quirke-Thornton) Anood Al-Samerai Louise Dark Rhyana Ebanks-Babb Abi Oguntokun (representing Hakeem Osinaike) Mark Heffernan (representing Peter Babudu) Chris Williamson (representing of Sangeeta Leahy)
OFFICER SUPPORT:	Chris Williamson - Assistant Director – Place, Partnerships and Intelligence Maria Lugangira, Principal Constitutional Officer Alice Fletcher-Etherington, Public Health Programme Manager

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO SOUTHWARK HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD - VISION AND PRIORITIES**

The Chair introduced the one-page plan which set out the Health and Wellbeing Board's agreed **vision that** "*people in all our communities have good health and wellbeing, living healthier as well as longer lives*" and **priorities** and its aim to ensure that the focus of meetings and the Board's role encapsulates that.

To ensure a tangible outcome of the 2025-27 Health and Wellbeing Strategy the Board at their development session agreed the following priorities

- A healthy start in life
- Health work and Lives
- Support to stay well
- Healthy communities

With regards to the *vision* the Chair sought the Board's agreement to making an addition so it further reflects the Board's wider remit and determinant in closing the health inequalities gap [**ACTION**]

The Chair assured the Board that work on the remaining priorities would still be ongoing but focusing on the above would enable that deep-dive and monitoring required to ensure their delivery.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the following due to Southwark CMT awayday.

- Althea Loderick
- Hakeem Osinaike
- Aled Richards
- David Quirke-Thornton

Further apologies.

- Peter Babudu
- Cassie Buchanan
- Sangeeta Leahy
- Ade Odunlade

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Those listed as present were confirmed as the voting members.

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

There were none.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION

None were declared.

6. MINTUES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2025 were approved as a correct record of the meeting subject to the following

- Amend title of Dr Nancy Kuchemann (Vice-Chair) to *Co-Chair Partnership Southwark, Strategic Clinical and Care Professional Lead and SE London ICB Deputy Medical Director*

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (15 MINUTES)

There were none.

8. A HEALTHY START IN LIFE PROGRESS UPDATE

Chris Williamson, the Assistant Director – Place, Partnerships and Intelligence provided the Board with an overview the report which gave an update on the actions and long-term outcome measures associated with “A healthy start in life” priority and the progress being made against the priorities agreed by the Board.

RESOLVED - That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes progress updates, outcome measures and requests for the board related to the “A healthy start in life” priority of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy action plan 2025-27.

9. DISCUSSION POINTS FROM SOUTHWARK HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH EVENT - 8TH MAY 2025

Councillor Akoto introduced the item and gave some background to event that which she chaired. The aim of the event was to reflect on the current state of health in the borough, and to identify opportunities for working together to tackle health inequalities more effectively. It was attended by a broad range of partners including community and voluntary sector organisations, local councillors, NHS partners and Health and Wellbeing Board members.

Ginette Hogan, Public Health Policy and Programme Officer provided an overview and presentation covering the themes that the panel and workshop discussion focused on and the more overarching themes that emerged.

Further context on for the recommendations was provided Alice Fletcher-Etherington, Public Health Programme Manager - some of the key areas highlighted;

- resetting up a Housing Social Care and Public Health Board that potentially feeds into the Health and Wellbeing Board
- food poverty: the council already has a sustainable food strategy therefore officers can ensure that the team in public health that's responsible for that has sight of some of the points raised at the event
- SEND: working closely with the relevant team within children and families t to ensure that they are aware of the points raised at the event
- Establishing further events for statutory and VCS partners to collaborate on tackling health inequalities, potentially partnering with Community Southwark and Healthwatch to deliver this

ACTIONS:

- Discuss next steps required to address some of the key challenges raised at the Health of the Borough event (e.g. housing, food poverty, SEND) **[Community Southwark]**

- Work with officers to deliver taster event to raise awareness of local services [Healthwatch Southwark]

10. SOUTHWARK MATERNITY COMMISSION ACTION PLAN

The Strategic Director Integrated Health and Care introduced the report which provided the Board with an update on the progress of the development of the Southwark Maternity Commission Action Plan.

Background: The Southwark Maternity Commission was set up to assess and address inequalities in maternity care, particularly for families from a minority ethnic and/or socially disadvantaged background.

The SMC report was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 14 November 2024, followed by a verbal update from the Director of Partnership Delivery and Sustainability of the work being undertaken to develop an action plan at the 13 March 2025 meeting.

The presentation covered the five overarching themes identified by the SMC which together with the Commission's findings were used to develop the 10 recommendations set out in the report

The Board heard from black mothers and advocates, who shared their personal experiences about their interactions with midwives, neonatal and maternity services and the importance of Southwark Maternity Commission:

- Sharon, spokesperson for Parent Action Black Maternal Voices
- Sarah, Kings MNVP Services user representative
- Rasheedat (Bukky) Oladokun, Midwife and Health Visitor and her personal capacity Black Mother and Black Maternal Voice, Community Connector
- Ruka, shared the personal impact of Conversations with Midwife

On the above Bukky provided some context that as part of the Southwark Maternity Commission an event was run called 'Conversation with the Midwife' where she met Ruka, who was referred to the event by the Children and Family Hub

Parent Action request was for the Southwark Maternity Commission to support and consider funding a Parent University programme. This programme would support mothers like Ruka by helping provide them with knowledge and awareness of what services are available to them and how they can be accessed.

The Board also heard from the Assistant Director/Consultation in Public Health who provided the board with an overview of some of the actions that have been undertaken to date and proposed future actions

ACTIONS

- Respond to request from Parent Action to consider funding of parent university programme [Strategic Director Integrated Health and Care]
- Have a conversation with Bukky about additions to action plan to address 'culture' issue Strategic Director Integrated Health and Care]

The Chair and the Board expressed their thanks to the speakers for kindly sharing their personal experiences and also to steering group, Public Health and Strategic Director Integrated Health and Care for all the work they've undertaken.

11. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Tom Seery, Senior Public Health Programme Manager – Knowledge & Intelligence introduced the report gave a broad overview of health and wellbeing in Southwark. The report also seeks to provide an analysis of Southwark's changing population, along with details of the health inequalities that exist in the borough.

With regards to other forums within teams or organisations where the JSNA findings can be presented the chair suggested reaching out to the senior leadership team of every partner organisation on the Board as it's important to work collectively as one Southwark. Having this information potentially ensures that everyone is working to the same target and can identify where more needs be done or done better.

Regarding the Temporary Accommodation JSNA, Rhyana Ebanks-Babb Healthwatch Southwark requested if they could be connected with the person now leading this project as a lot of housing related issues have been raised. On helping further capture more data on the residents' voice in the JSNA Rhyana Ebanks-Babb offered to share insight from their ambassadors' programme.

ACTIONS:

- Reach out to SLTs of organisations/teams represented on Board to present findings of JSNA Annual Report **[Director of Public Health]**
- Connect Rhyana with officer responsible for Temporary Accommodation JSNA **[Senior Public Health Programme Manager – Knowledge & Intelligence]**
- Share Healthwatch insight data with Tom to be included in annual report **[Healthwatch Southwark]**

RESOLVED - That the Health and Wellbeing Board;

1. Note the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Annual Report 2025 and agree to an annual update.
2. Note the achievements and challenges for health and wellbeing in the borough.
3. Note and reflect on actions from recently completed needs assessments.
4. Agree the JSNA projects recommended for the coming year.

12. BETTER CARE FUND 2025/26

Adrian Ward, Head of Planning, Performance and Business Support, NHS South East London Integrated Care Board , provided a brief overview of the report. One of the key requirements is that the plan is approved by the Health

and Wellbeing Board

RESOLVED - That the Health and Wellbeing Board approves the use of the 2025/26 Better Care Fund (BCF) as detailed in the planning templates (appendices 1,2 and 3).

13. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - ACTION LOG - JUNE 2025

The Board noted the actions and follow ups from the last meeting. An updated action log to be presented at the next meeting.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

Meeting ended at 12.10 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: