

## Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission

MINUTES of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission held on Tuesday 27 July 2021 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Victoria Olisa (Chair)  
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall  
Councillor Sandra Rhule  
Councillor Charlie Smith  
Councillor Bill Williams

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr David Noakes provided apologies for absence.

### 2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no late items.

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Bill Williams declared that his husband was an employee of the NHS.

### 4. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

## **5. GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST RECOVERY PLAN**

This item was considered in conjunction with Item 6.

The commission received a presentation from Jon Findlay, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust and Julie Lowe, Site Chief Executive for King's College Hospital in relation to their respective Foundation Trust recovery plans.

Following the presentations, questions and discussion were held around the following:

- Cost implications of the private sector contracts on NHS
- Cancer treatment
- NHS preparations for a third wave of Covid infections
- The Covid booster and flu vaccination programme due to commence in September
- Vaccination programme and take up rate

## **6. KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST RECOVERY PLAN**

This item was considered in conjunction with item 5.

## **7. MENTAL HEALTH INEQUALITIES OF BLACK, ASIAN AND MINORITY ETHNIC CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT**

The Chair introduced the item and requested that members review the recommendations and submit any comments/suggested changes on the draft report to her and Julie Timbrell, scrutiny project manager.

## **8. WORK PROGRAMME**

Members discussed the importance of everyone having an opportunity to be vaccinated, including undocumented migrants.

Measures taken by other London boroughs to promote uptake were referred to including an event organized by the City of Westminster, which worked with community groups to provide popular pop up vaccine buses, with the Chinese community sites explaining that no details or identity will be passed on to the police or immigration. One event in Chinatown attracted over 500 people. Members discussed encouraging Southwark council and Southwark NHS CCG to undertake similar events.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the work plan suggestions from the previous year be agreed.
2. That the item on the impact of Brexit on the NHS workforce be included on the next meeting agenda and a particular aspect to be covered be 'how successful London NHS has been in getting their staff to apply for EU Settlement Scheme status which allows them to continue with their employment'.

The meeting ended at 8.08pm