

## Health and Wellbeing Board

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Thursday 20 July 2023 at 3.00 pm at Southwark Council, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH / HYBRID

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**PRESENT:** Dr Nancy Kuchemann  
Councillor Evelyn Akoto  
Councillor Jasmine Ali  
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall  
Anood Al-Samerai  
Sarah Austin  
Cassie Buchanan  
Sangeeta Leahy  
James Lowell  
Sheona St Hilaire  
David Quirke-Thornton  
Alasdair Smith

**OFFICER** Chris Williamson – Head of Health and Wellbeing  
**SUPPORT:** Maria Lugangira – Principal Constitutional Office

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from;

- Councillor Kieron Williams
- Althea Loderick
- Martin Wilkinson
- Anna Garrod

### **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 DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

### **6. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023, were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### **7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)**

There were none.

### **8. COMMUNITY UPDATE: BUILDING TRUST THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Board considered the report, which provided a summary of a project that explored how the health and care system can strengthen its engagement work with local communities to build trust.

Initial engagement through Southwark Stands Together (SST) highlighted that distrust in health and care services can exacerbate existing health inequalities. Through this engagement, local residents shared that distrust can stem from:

- Poor experiences of services
- Lack of continuous feedback loops in previous engagement work
- The long-term impact of colonialism, racist medical practices and racism denial.

Southwark Council commissioned Social Finance and Centric to explore how the health and care system can strengthen its engagement work to rebuild trust.

As a result of this work six recommendations were developed and they described principles to prioritise in engagement work and reflect what local communities said was important to rebuild trust:

1. Demonstrable commitment to on-going engagement
2. Connected engagement work
3. Language and terminology
4. Outreach
5. Investment in community capabilities and training
6. Funding for voluntary and community sector

This work has been shared with health and care partners and the recommendations have helped shape Partnership Southwark's approach to incorporating lived experience into ways of working.

A summary of this work will be published on South East London Integrated Care System's website to ensure learning is shared.

**RESOLVED – That the Southwark Health and Wellbeing Board note the recommendations from the project undertaken by Social Finance and Centric.**

#### **9. BETTER CARE FUND 2023/24 - 2024/25**

The Board discussed and considered the report.

Due to the quorum rules around decision making, which require 5 voting members of the board to be physically present in the room, the report could not be formally agreed as only 3 voting members were present.

The board discussed the presentation of the template and whether there was a way the information could be presented in a more user-friendly format. There was an understanding that part of the issue regarding the template arose from having to use language prescribed by NHS England and the DoHSC.

The consensus was that further discussions were needed to suggest these NHS colleagues, the voluntary sector and council officers with a view to working together to see how such information could be presented in a way that is accessible.

The board agreed the report *in principal* with a further agreement to reconvene an extraordinary meeting to formally approve the report and its recommendations.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the board agree the report *in principal*.
2. That the board agreed to reconvene an extraordinary meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board to formally agree the Better Care Fund 2023/24 – 2024/25 and its recommendations.

#### **10. JOINT FORWARD PLAN 2023/24 SOUTH EAST LONDON INTEGRATED CARE BOARD**

The Board considered the report. As part of the planning process for the Joint Forward Plan it's a requirement that each Health and Wellbeing Board in the ICS provide a statement confirming that the plan has properly taken in to account the borough's health and wellbeing strategy.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1. The Board notes the South East London Integrated Care Board Joint Forward Plan 2023/24.**
- 2. The Board notes the letter dated 14 June 2023 from the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to the Chief Executive of South East London Integrated Care Board confirming the Joint Forward Plan takes 'proper account' of the priorities and actions outlined within the Southwark Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy.**

**11. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

The Head of Health and Wellbeing, presented the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Annual Report, which provided a broad overview of health and wellbeing in Southwark. It further provide an analysis of Southwark's changing population, along with details of the health inequalities that exist in the borough.

The report also forms part of the borough's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) work programme, and supports the monitoring of key health and wellbeing outcomes set out in the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) and other local strategies and plans.

In addition to the JSNA Annual Report, a number of in-depth projects have been recommended for the JSNA programme over the coming months, they include:

- Children & Young People's Mental Health & Wellbeing: this needs assessment is currently being finalised and focuses on children and young people under 25.
- LGBTQI+: This proposed needs assessment will build on the new demographic data released through the 2021 Census and seek to establish the health and wellbeing needs of this population group.
- Neighbourhood Profiles: A series of neighbourhood profiles are proposed to supplement this annual report. They will provide summaries of demographics, health and wellbeing for communities across the borough and support neighbourhood work.
- On-going monitoring of the cost of living crisis: It is proposed the monitoring of the cost of living crisis continues to support the local response.

**RESOLVED - That the Board;**

- 1. Noted the findings of the JSNA Annual Report 2023, and agreed an annual update.**

2. **Noted the population groups and communities identified with the poorest outcomes.**
3. **Noted and agreed the JSNA projects recommended for the coming months.**

## **12. ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT**

The Board considered the Annual Public Health Report, which this year highlighted, air quality as a significant public health concern, and (i) noted the progress that has been made, (ii) addressed what more can be done by individuals, businesses, organisations, and stakeholders to contribute to cleaner air in Southwark.

Further detailed in the report was the following:

- a) Sources and trends: an overview of sources of indoor and outdoor pollutants, as well as a summary of changes in pollutant levels over time, predictions for future levels, and geographical patterns.
- b) Air quality and health: a summary of the health effects of poor air quality and associated health inequalities. This section also introduces the relationship between air quality and climate change, and highlights community views on air quality.
- c) Action to improve air quality: an overview of the council's work on air quality to date, covering monitoring air quality; developments and buildings; cleaner transport; schools, health services, and communities; awareness raising; inspiring and influencing; and indoor air pollution.
- d) Recommendations: a series of ten top tips for individuals, organisations, businesses, and stakeholders working on air quality to contribute to cleaner air in Southwark.

**RESOLVED - The board note the findings of the Annual Public Health Report (APHR) and support the recommendations set out on pages 25-27.**

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

Meeting ended at 4.53pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**