

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
Virtual Meeting
21 October 2020 (1.00 - 2.30 pm)**

Present:

Elected Members: Councillors Robert Benham, Jason Frost (Chairman), Damian White and Nisha Patel

Officers of the Council: Barbara Nicholls (Director of Adult Services), Mark Ansell (Interim Director of Public Health) and Chris Smart (Regeneration, Policy & Planning), Patrick Odling-Smee (Director of Housing Services)

Havering Clinical Commissioning Group: Dr Maurice Sanomi, Steve Rubery

Healthwatch Havering: Anne-Marie Dean (Healthwatch Havering) and Fiona Peskett (BHRUT)

Also Present:

Carol White, NELFT
Paul Rose, Havering Compact
Fiona Peskett, BHRUT
Luke Phimister, Clerk of the Board
Joseph Lindo
Alison Blair

All decisions were taken with no votes against.

10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman introduced the meeting and confirmed this was being held via Zoom due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for the absence of Paul Walker, Elaine Greenway, Andrew Blake-Herbert and Dr Atul Aggarwal.

12 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 September 2020 were agreed as a correct record and, due to COVID-19, will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

14 MATTERS ARISING

Members noted that access to testing in primary care was made available to professionals and their families that are symptomatic. The high risk recommendation raised in relation to housing had been implemented. Access to flu vaccinations was not satisfactory as the supply could not meet the demand. The Board were updated that Communications had released a video and a number of social media posts that had been well received.

15 THE FUTURE OF HEALTH AND CARE FOR NORTH EAST LONDON

The report presented to the Board updated members on the position of the merging of the 7 London CCGs which would take place on April 2021, this decision was taken to increase effectiveness of integrated care by removing some boundaries at local level. Members noted that 95% of Havering GPs voted in favour of the merging of the CCGs and a formal submission was made to NHS England. The Board noted a 3 year commitment to support primary care infrastructure had been implemented with 80% dealt with at lower levels. Members of the Board noted that the current structure would be used rather the replicating or duplicating processes.

The Board noted the report.

16 HEALTHWATCH HAVERING ANNUAL REPORT

Healthwatch Havering presented their annual report to the Board and thanked all partners and residents. Members understood that the Healthwatch twitter paid had gained a following but had no specific target amount of followers that was being aimed for. It was noted that in 1 quarter there had been 39 complaints which mainly related to access to GPs and dentists and it was reported that 4 out of 27 dentists in Havering offered NHS care during COVID. The Board were pleased to note there had been 150 new subscribers to the Friends Network.

The Board noted the report.

17 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Board were given a verbal update on the COVID-19 figures in Havering. It was reported that as at the time of the meeting there was a rolling rate of 116 cases with a R number of 1.1-1.4 and a growth rate of 2-5% per day, which was increasing in line with London but still below the national average (which had been skewed due to the high number of cases in North England). Members noted that most cases were in the age range of 15-29 but mainly those working. The Board expected the number of hospital admission to continue to increase due to the lag between admissions and

cases. The Board were saddened to hear the COVID deaths had started to increase.

18 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday 25 November at 1.00 pm.

Chairman