

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE, 2019

MEMBERS: Councillors Sinan Boztas (Chair), Vicki Pite, Clare De Silva and Terry Neville

ABSENT: Councillors Doug Taylor, Yasemin Brett, Elif Erbil and Huseyin Akpinar

Officers: Cllr Alev Cazimoglu (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care), Cllr Mahtub Uddin (Cabinet Member for Public Health), Bindi Nagra (Director of Health and Adult Social Care), Stuart Lines (Director of Public Health), Vince McCabe (Enfield Clinical Commissioning Group – Director of Planning, Transformation and Delivery) and Andy Ellis (Governance and Scrutiny Officer)

Also Attending: Patricia Mecinska (CEO – Healthwatch Enfield)

30. INTRODUCTIONS - PURPOSE OF EVENING

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Taylor, Brett, Akpinar and Elif Erbil

Councillor Boztas (Chair), welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked whether Cllr De Silva would continue as Vice Chair. Cllr De Silva accepted, and this was agreed by Cllrs Pite and Neville.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear from Cabinet Members and Health Partners to allow the Panel to devise a work programme for the year.

There were no declarations of interest.

31. NATIONAL CONTEXT/ LOCAL PRIORITIES

Cabinet Members and Officers outlined health issues set against the national context and identified local priorities.

2.1 Health and Adult Social Care

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Nationally, the NHS has challenges and locally the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has significant financial challenges relating to the method of allocation from Central Government.

Both the North Middlesex Hospital Trust and the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust will receive inspections from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) during the Summer/Autumn period.

The Royal Free Hospital Trust now governs the Chase Farm site. There are issues relating to the future operations of the phlebotomy services in GP surgeries and at hospital sites.

The results of the engagement process relating to elective orthopaedics are due to be published during 2019/20. Both hospital trusts need to be satisfied with the outcome of the engagement process.

During the planning period for the new Chase Farm Site, it was suggested that a GP surgery would be established on the site, however, this may not proceed.

As Integrated Care Systems are developed as part of the 10-year plan, we need to consider what this means for Enfield.

Healthwatch have raised issues relating to Continuing Health Care and this could be explored further.

Funding for health and adult social care isn't meeting demand.

2.2 Public Health

Public Health England have retained responsibility for several areas, eg, bowel screening, cancer screening and immunisation. Immunisation in Enfield has a relatively poor take-up especially with the flu vaccination rate. The figure across London is 50% but the take up in Enfield is only 29%.

The substance mis-use service based in Edmonton and the sexual health service operating from Enfield Town both provide an invaluable range of services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board are focusing on several issues including smoking cessation.

2.3 Enfield CCG

The CCG are working towards reducing their financial deficit and the CCG's Medium-term Financial Strategy will be available in January- March.

The local ambulance service has issues in performance, however this was discussed at the NCL Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee earlier this year.

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Some of the other areas the CCG are currently working on include - Access to Primary Care, a peer review across GP practices, Urgent Care Centre opening times and future use, transforming services and reducing the number of face to face appointments, the assessment and review process for Continuing Health Care.

Cabinet Members and Officers were thanked for their input and then asked to leave the meeting.

32. PLANNING THE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Members and the CEO of Healthwatch discussed the issues raised in conjunction with their own items of interest.

It was agreed that a draft work programme would be circulated for approval.

ACTION: Andy Ellis

33. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members noted the terms of reference for the Health Scrutiny Panel

34. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 10th September
Thursday 23rd January
Wednesday 25th March

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Conference Room.

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified.