

## Health & Wellbeing Board

Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 October 2020 at 2.00 pm. This meeting was held remotely

### MINUTES

**Present:** Councillor Louisa Woodley (Chair);  
Dr Agnelo Fernandes (NHS Croydon Clinical Commissioning Group) (Vice-Chair);  
Councillor Margaret Bird  
Councillor Janet Campbell  
Councillor Sherwan Chowdhury  
Councillor Yvette Hopley  
Edwina Morris, Healthwatch  
Hilary Williams, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust  
Rachel Flowers, Director of Public Health - Non-voting  
Michael Bell, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust - Non-voting  
Steve Phaure, Croydon Voluntary Action - Non Voting

**Apologies:** Councillor Jane Avis, Councillor Alisa Flemming and Guy Van-Dichele

### PART A

#### 1/20 **Opening of the meeting**

Cliona May, Democratic Services & Governance Officer welcomed those present at the meeting and confirmed that Councillor Louisa Woodley had been appointed as the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board, for the remainder of the municipal year, at Full Council on 6 July 2020.

Councillor Louisa Woodley introduced herself and proposed that Dr Agnelo Fernandes, as a CCG Representative, became the Vice-Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board for the remainder of the municipal year. This was seconded by Councillor Sherwan Chowdhury, and agreed by the Members of the Health & Wellbeing Board.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.

#### 2/20 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures at this meeting.

3/20 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There was none.

4/20 **Public Questions**

There were none.

The Chair noted that the reports would be heard in a different order from what was listed in the published agenda, due to officers' availability. The items would be heard as followed (item numbers below as listed in the published agenda):

Item 8 – Let Autism Emerge from the Haystack

Item 6 – Winter Preparedness

Item 9 – Mental Health First Aid

Item 7 – Health Inequalities

Item 11 – Health & Wellbeing Strategy Outcomes Dashboard

Item 10 – Annual Report

5/20 **Let Autism Emerge from the Haystack**

Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick, Autism Champion, introduced the report and explained that it was a discussion paper, intended to generate conversation and actions, in relation to autism and our autistic residents in Croydon. He gave a presentation to the Board, which can be found on the following link – <https://webcasting.croydon.gov.uk/meetings/10918>

Following the presentation, the Health & Wellbeing Board Members noted the following:

- It was felt that more should be done on a daily basis for autistic residents in Croydon.
- It was important to collect granular data to make the changes needed within the borough.
- A priority list should be establish to ensure the introduction of data collection in other areas, as outlined under paragraph six of the appendix.
- A permanent representative from the Croydon Health Services NHS Trust had been appointed to the Partnership Board.
- It was positive having clinical leads for autism, and clinical leads for children and mental health, working closely with Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick and the Autism Inclusion Lead.
- Some GPs were collecting information regarding autism; however, NHS Digital, on behalf of NHS England, gathered this information from all GPs.

Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick introduced Kevin Oakhill, and explained that he was the first dedicated member of staff for autism in Croydon. Kevin Oakhill, Autism Inclusion Lead, noted the following:

- He was new to the role; however, he had specialised in autism for 10 years.
- The council should be focusing on ensuring that everything that was done should be inclusive of autistic residents; the understanding of autism needed to be developed.
- His aim was to ensure all autistic residents of Croydon were able to lead a “normal” life.

Rachel Flowers discussed her personal journey since being diagnosed on the autism spectrum disorder (ASD) 12 years ago, and expressed the importance of not making assumptions of how people act.

The Board Members present thanked Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick and Kevin Oakhill for their hard work.

**RESOLVED** – That the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed the recommendations outlined in the report.

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### **Winter Preparedness**

The Director of Public Health introduced the report which provided an update on the system planning for the winter to mitigate additional pressures on health and social care arising from the current second wave of Covid-19 and other winter pressures, such as flu. She reminded everyone to share the message “*Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space*”. It was also noted that Croydon had recently become a Tier 2.

Malcolm Bell, Energy Projects Manager, gave a presentation to the Board regarding fuel poverty, which can be found on the following link – <https://webcasting.croydon.gov.uk/meetings/10918>

Rachel Flowers, Director of Public Health, left the meeting 1529 hours.

In response to queries raised by the Health & Wellbeing Board Members, Malcolm Bell clarified the following:

- The Government figures outlined in the report and the heat map were from 2018, and were the residents that met the government definition of poverty.
- There were three members of staff in the Energy Team; therefore, the figures were now outdated as the resources within the team were low.
- 17.7% of people in poverty were BAME, according to the national figures; this data had not been collected in Croydon.

- Outreach work at the Target Centre and the Whitgift Centre would be arranged.
- The Croydon Health Services NHS Trust were presenting the ongoing vaccination work to Scrutiny Health & Social Care Sub-Committee; four initiatives were outlined in this report.

**RESOLVED** – That the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed the recommendations outlined in the report.

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### **Mental Health First Aid**

Councillor Janet Campbell, Mental Health Champion, introduced the report and highlighted the following:

- Training was being provided to enable residents to speak out about trauma; this training begun as a result of the Sandilands tragedy.
- She worked closely with the Croydon Mutual Aid Team throughout covid-19; they worked incredibly hard to feed the community. When the furlough scheme comes to an end, there was a huge concern for the impact this would have on residents' mental health.

Jack Bedeman, Public Health Consultant, added the following:

- Funding provided by TfL was funding the training, and a target of 1000 residents being trained was the target. Currently, 150 residents had successfully completed the training, and a further 300 residents had applied.
- Only 20% of those who had applied and been trained were male.
- There were trainers from all aspects of the community; CHS, Mind, and the BME Forum.

The Health & Wellbeing Board Members thanked both Councillor Janet Campbell and Jack Bedeman for their report, and requested that a digital flyer was distributed to Board Members and all Councillors to promote further.

**RESOLVED** – That the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed the recommendations outlined in the report.

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### **Health Inequalities**

Michael Bell, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust representative, introduced the report, which outlined the work happening across the borough to reduce health inequalities.

In response to the Chair, the Board Members agreed that it would be useful to have a full report on the Equalities Strategy to be reported to a future Health & Wellbeing Board for further discussion.

The Vice-Chair noted the importance of this work beginning as soon as possible.

In response to Edwina Morris, Healthwatch, it was agreed that work with patients to gather the insight was crucial to fully understanding the barriers for health care. This would also establish which areas of London should be focused on, as experiences of health care could be very different in different locations and communities.

Steve Phaure, Croydon Voluntary Action, noted that if the bid to the Kings Fund was successful, then this would enable some research work with different communities. He also noted the importance of using the current ongoing work to establish what is working well and how this can be replicated.

**RESOLVED** – That the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed the recommendations outlined in the report.

9/20 **Health & Wellbeing Strategy Outcomes Dashboard**

**RESOLVED** – That the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed the recommendations outlined in the report.

10/20 **Annual Report**

The Board considered a report which summarised the work undertaken by Croydon Health and Wellbeing Board from June 2019 to May 2020.

The Chair introduced and explained that the scheduled Health and Wellbeing Board in April 2020 had to be cancelled due to the measures taken in response to COVID-19; she proposed adding a paragraph to the final report regarding this work. The report was due to be reported to Full Council on 30 November 2020, and she would prepare a presentation.

**RESOLVED** – That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Report to Full Council the outcome of the Board's monitoring of the delivery plans in fulfilment of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as part of its annual report.
  
- 2) Note the contents of the report.

11/20 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

This was not required.

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The meeting ended at 4.18 pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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