

Health & Wellbeing Board

Meeting of held on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 2.00 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Yvette Hopley (Chair);
Councillor Margaret Bird (Vice-Chair);
Councillor Tamar Barrett
Councillor Janet Campbell
Councillor Joseph Lee

**Also
Present:**

Apologies: Councillor Humayun Kabir

PART A

56/23 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Chair requested that the spelling of Matthew Kershaw's name be corrected in the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of 21 March 2023 and 28 June 2023 be approved as an accurate record of proceedings with the above edition.

57/23 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures at this meeting.

58/23 **Urgent Business (if any)**

The Chair mentioned that the Health and Wellbeing Board chairs had met to discuss shared children's cancer services and that South West London Scrutiny would be reviewing the arrangements.

The Chair sought agreement from the Board that it makes a recommendation to the joint Scrutiny committee to review the proposals locally, to which members agreed.

59/23 **Public Questions**

There were no public questions at this meeting.

60/23 **Better Care Fund 2023-25 - Letter from NHS England**

It was explained that this letter had been included in the agenda as an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board that the Better Care Fund had been approved nationally.

In response to questions from members officers clarified that the funding was subject to a Section 75 agreement with timescales set by NHS England, and that the council was on track to meet its obligations in relation to that agreement.

RESOLVED:

To note the letter received from NHS England.

61/23 **Update on South West London ICS Strategy**

The next two agenda items were taken together.

In response to members' concerns, it was clarified that one of the six strategic priorities listed was to target mental health and early access to resources and early identification of mental health vulnerability.

Officers also explained that they would bring an update report to the Health and Wellbeing Board in the future to provide assurance around the success of the strategy.

The Chair requested that the report should be presented to the Board within the next year.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 To note the publication of the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy for South West London and the process for agreeing the Croydon place response to the draft.

2.2 To note the publication of the NHS Joint Forward Plan for SWL including the Croydon Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities reflected.

2.3 To note the launch of the SWL Investment funding and the commitment for Croydon system partners to work collaboratively to identify and progress applications to address key priorities for Croydon Place.

62/23 **NHS Joint Forward Plan**

63/23 **South West London Mental Health Strategic Plan**

In response to members' questions, officers explained that a key part of the plan was around the mental health and emergency departments' crisis pathway. It was explained that there was a huge demand for inpatient beds, and that there was a knock-on effect for housing, all of which was provided for within the plan.

Officers also explained that timely access to the correct care and prevention work was a key part of the plan, with a focus on removing pressure of mental health primary care from GP surgeries. This could be achieved, for example, by targeting support for young people.

The Chair requested that an update be brought back to the Board which included information on support for young people suffering from mental ill health as a consequence of domestic violence.

RESOLVED:

- to note the SWL ICS Mental Health Strategy has been developed and is providing the future direction for MH transformational work across the six boroughs.

64/23 **Croydon Dementia Strategic Plan**

65/23 **Croydon Mental Health Summit Update**

RESOLVED:

- to support the Council to the strategic and operational integration partnership arrangements required to successfully deliver the plan and relevant actions.

66/23 **Croydon Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy Refresh: October Update**

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 To note progress to date.
- 2.2 To agree on the next steps regarding strategy development.
- 2.3 To confirm attendance at the partnership planning workshop organised for Thursday, 9 November 2023, 10:00-13:00.

67/23 **CUH Update on improvement plan following CQC rating**

In response to members' questions officers clarified that there had been quite a lot of staffing changes since a hiatus during the years covering the Covid-19 pandemic, which could add some challenge largely in due to the loss of corporate memory; but that officers saw this as an opportunity to refresh and reenergise teams and did not think it had an overall negative effect on the trust.

A national staff survey was currently underway to ensure that the right health and wellbeing support was in place for staff to try to improve the staff experience on the whole.

It was also confirmed that a new NHS health centre was planned to open in Coulsdon.

68/23 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

It was not necessary to exclude the press and public from any portion of this meeting.

The meeting ended at 3.37 pm

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