

# MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at 3.00pm

## ATTENDANCE

**PRESENT:** **Cllr Chris Best** (Deputy Mayor of Lewisham and Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care); **Tom Brown** (Executive Director for Community Services, LBL); **Val Davison** (Chair of Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust); **Pinaki Ghoshal** (Executive Director for Children and Young People, LBL); **Philippe Granger** (Chief Executive, Rushey Green Time Bank); **Donna Hayward-Sussex** (Service Director, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust); **Michael Kerin** (Healthwatch Lewisham); **Faruk Majid** (Lewisham Member of South East London CCG) and **Dr Catherine Mbema** (Director of Public Health, LBL).

**APOLOGIES:** **Damien Egan** (Mayor of Lewisham) and **Dr Simon Parton** (Chair of Lewisham Local Medical Committee).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Paul Aladenika** (Service Group Manager Policy Development, LBL); **Lesley Allen** (Community Champion, Diamond Club); **Timothy Bradley** (Community Champion, Lewisham Wellbeing Map); **Miriam Bullock** (Public Health Trainee, LBL); **Mark Bursnell** (Principal Officer, LBL); **Dee Carlin** (Director of Adult Integrated Commissioning); **Alexandra Camies** (Community Champion, South Lewisham Patient Participation Group Chair); **Martin Crow** (LSAB Business Manager); **Laura Harper** (Public Health Commissioning Manager, LBL); **Cllr Coral Howard** (Vice-Chair, Healthier Communities Select Committee); **Sandra Iskander** (Strategy Team, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust); **Amanda Lloyd** (System Transformation and Change Lead, Lewisham Health and Care Partners); **Edward Parker Humphreys** (Cabinet Executive Officer, LBL); **(Michael Preston-Shoot** (Independent Chair, Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board); **Vicky Scott** (Programme Director, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust); **Sarah Wainer** (Director of Systems Transformation, Lewisham Health and Care Partners); **Stewart Weaver-Snellgrove** (Clerk to the Board, LBL); **Chamu Mhomwa** (Digital Scanning Officer, LBL); **Cllr John Muldoon** (Chair, Healthier Communities Select Committee); and **Martin Wilkinson** (Director of Integrated Care and Commissioning, LBL/South East London Clinical Commissioning Group).

## Welcome and introductions

The Acting Chair opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Mayor Egan, and Dr Simon Parton.

### 1. Minutes of the last meeting

1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record with no matters arising.

### 2. Declarations of interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Local COVID-19 Outbreak Engagement Board

- 3.1 Catherine Mbema presented the latest data on COVID-19 in Lewisham. As of 6th November, there have been a total of 3,261 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lewisham. The rate of COVID-19 cases/100,000 population was 99.4/100,000 in the seven days between 31st October and 6th November 2020. This represents a significant increase in seven day case rate since the last meeting of the Board.
- 3.2 The Board now acts as the Local Outbreak Engagement Board as part of the governance of the COVID-19 Outbreak Prevention and Control Plan (a revised copy of which was included). In this role, the Board has committed to ensure that residents are provided with timely communications regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.3 The development of the Lewisham COVID-19 Community Champion initiative has been a key tool in achieving this within the wider borough COVID-19 communications and engagement plan. To date over 100 Community Champions have been recruited. Two Community Champions shared their experiences with the Board:
- 3.4 **Alexandra Camies** (South Lewisham Patient Participation Group Chair) – The Community Champion post has been valuable as it provides direct email access to Public Health for questions re COVID-19 (e.g. movements between Tiers over Christmas). Answers provided then can be shared with a wider network of residents / service users. Champions have also been invited by Public Health to attend training sessions on other health issues (e.g. cancer) and it is hoped this might lead to further opportunities for this role, post-COVID.
- 3.5 **Lesley Allen** (Diamond Club) – Regular communication with 200 elders. Able to share up-to-date information immediately. Have webinar every fortnight with Director of Public Health. Information is shared through the Diamond club magazine or by post to avoid digital exclusion.
- 3.6 The following comments and additions were made as part of the discussion by members of the Board and those in attendance:
- Various partners thanked the Public Health team for all the work they've done behind the scenes to set up the Community Champions initiative and to the Champions themselves for their valuable efforts in sharing reliable and accurate information within the community.
  - Offer to promote take-up of Community Champion scheme to local constituents (e.g. Downham)
- 3.7 Action:  
The Board noted the content of the report.

#### **4. Delivery Update: Lewisham System Recovery Plan**

4.1 Amanda Lloyd introduced the item with supporting contributions from across the health and care partnership.

4.2 The LHCP Recovery Plan has identified a number of priorities against which health and care partners will focus their activities between July 2020 and December 2021. This is the first report back to the Board against these commitments.

4.3 All partners submitted updates on delivery in their respective areas and a summary of these were reported in the attached presentation. This included the following areas: Acute; Community; Primary Care; CYP; Mental Health; Care Homes; and the Council and VCS.

4.4 Partners also provided an update on their respective Christmas arrangements. The fundamental message to service users is that they are all open for business throughout the period.

4.5 The following comments and additions were made as part of the discussion by members of the Board and those in attendance:

- The Cerner Population Health system is beginning to yield value in reducing health inequalities and targeting patient interventions.
- Update on COVID cases in LGT: First wave saw 300 cases out of a bed stock of 900. Currently there are 75 cases, with 14 of these in intensive care. Two-thirds of cases are at Queen Elizabeth. Influx of patients from North Kent is a contributory factor here. Mortality rate compared to first wave is significantly improved due to a much better awareness of how to treat the disease.
- Vulnerable children and young people have suffered in response to COVID-19 lockdowns. During second wave all youth clubs and adventure playgrounds have remained open, albeit with restricted access. Street-based services to be launched whereby CYP can access youth workers wherever they are.

4.6 Actions:

The Board noted the content of the report.

#### **5. BAME Health Inequalities Update**

5.1 Catherine Mbema provided an update to the Board on work undertaken to address BAME health inequalities in Lewisham during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5.2 The external academic board of the Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR) met on the 11th November to feedback to the review team. This focussed on the findings of their research on the first topic – the role of Racism and Discrimination in health inequalities. An external assessment board comprising community members with lived experiences, are also part of the review and will work at a grassroots level.

- 5.3 Public Health is continuing to work with health and care partners to collate available BAME health inequalities data sets with the aim of the finalised Data Toolkit informing the next cycle of BLACHIR research topics in January 2021.
- 5.4 The Board was recommended to note the updated 'Addressing BAME Health Inequalities Action Plan 2019-22'.
- 5.5 The following comments and additions were made as part of the discussion by members of the Board and those in attendance:
- Stop and search in Lewisham disproportionately targets those of the BAME community. Numbers of GPs and professional staff at LGT have been stopped and searched. This is leaving long-lasting impacts on individual's mental health and wellbeing.
  - Statistics on stop and search are reported to the Safer Lewisham Partnership Board and could be tabled as an agenda item at a future Board meeting.
  - There is currently a focus on disproportionality in the work of the Children and Young People's directorate as it is recognised that this needs to change. It is also very much on the agenda of the Youth Offending Service.
  - Cabinet Member, council officers and the police have an established group looking at this.
  - Wider determinants of health (e.g. interactions with the criminal justice system) will also be picked-up next year as part of the holistic approach to developing the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5.6 Action:

The Board noted the contents of the report and requested that a full version of the BAME Health Inequalities Toolkit is brought back to the next meeting of the Board in March 2021.

## **6. Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2019-24: Local Action Plan**

- 6.1 Miriam Bullock provided an update to the members, following agreement of the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham (LSL) Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy for 2019-2024 at the Board in March 2019.
- 6.2 This strategy is based around the four priorities of: Healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships; Good reproductive health across the life course; High quality and innovative STI Testing and Treatment; and Living well with HIV.
- 6.3 LSL has a shared Action plan to deliver strategic needs assessments and cross-cutting projects to improve sexual and reproductive health across the three boroughs.
- 6.4 Lewisham also recognised the need to have a Local Action Plan to bring together local stakeholders in the borough to work collaboratively to improve sexual health outcomes for our residents.
- 6.5 Consultation included working with representatives from SRH Clinic Service Providers, Primary Care, YP Service, Education, Abortion Services, e-service,

Council and Voluntary sector organisations working in and around sexual and reproductive health in Lewisham.

- 6.6 During COVID-19 lockdown there was a sharp reduction of in-person service usage (e.g. in pharmacies) with a 400% increase of online activity as service users diverted to digital channels. Service data doesn't indicate that any minority groups have been disproportionately impacted, though further stakeholder research is being undertaken to understand their experiences.
- 6.7 The Board were recommended to note progress in delivering the Strategy and to endorse the Local Action Plan (Appendix 1).
- 6.8 Actions:  
The Board noted the contents of the report and agreed the contents of the Local Action Plan.

## **7. Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board: Strategic Business Plan 2020/21 and Prevention Audit**

- 7.1 Michael Preston-Shoot updated the Board on the self-audit of the LSAB in June 2020, in which it RAG-rated all 7 prevention strands, one of which is to 'support broader wellbeing strategies'. In response to the amber rating of this strand, it was recommended that LSAB should work more closely with the Health and Wellbeing.
- 7.2 This recommendation was then translated into a strategic objective and is now a feature of the LSAB Strategic Business Plan for 2020-21.
- 7.3 The Independent Chair sought to connect the work of the two Boards more strategically through the identification of future opportunities to collaborate and agreement on how any joint objectives might be delivered.
- 7.4 Two obvious areas of synergy between the respective Boards were noted as follows:
- Community Champions – LSAB has used the same approach to raise awareness of safeguarding issues. Both cohorts of Champions could work together going forward.
  - Health inequalities – LSAB is also focussing on disproportionality and unconscious bias and additions to LSAB membership re health inequalities were being considered.
- 7.5 Full Council has now announced support for the next Adults Safeguarding Week (Nov 2021).
- 7.6 Action:  
The Board noted the contents of the report.

**The meeting ended at 16:21 hours**