

Healthwatch Board Meeting Minutes

14th June 2021

7-8pm

Present:

Kim Blyth (KB), Board member
David Sollis (DSO), Board member
Elspeth Paisley, (EP), Board member
Val Shaw (VS), Board member
Barbara Sawyer (BS), Board member

Also, present:

Manisha Modhvadia (MM), Healthwatch Barking & Dagenham staff member
Richard Vann (RV), Healthwatch Barking & Dagenham staff member

Apologies:

Daniel Singleton (DS), Interim Chair

Agenda:

1. Welcome, introductions and matters arising: DSO chaired the meeting.
Minutes from last team meeting were agreed.

2. General update -

Young people's project- Healthwatch informed the board of the young people's project based on the physical health of young people, experiences during covid. RV shared that he would be talking to different voluntary sector groups and ensuring the voices of young people are heard through the project.

North East London Project - Experiences of residents with a disability. Worked with seven other Healthwatches. 70 people were interviewed. A lot of insight from this piece of work. Board congratulated the team on this project.

Sexual health: A follow up to an Enter and View the team undertook pre covid. Report to be shared with the board once completed over the summer.

3. Communications and Campaigns

Board members were updated on the relevant campaigns so far including the young people's project, sexual health survey. Upcoming campaigns over the summer included "who knows" survey for residents and those working the borough.

4. PCN

EP highlighted that there have been many changes within the health system. Is there a way we can get a better understanding of what PCNS are funding and how the money is being spent? Action MM to ask PCS/CCGs for a breakdown of how much funding they have and what this is being spent on.

5. Young people

DS shared that suicide rates have increased in other parts of the country; this is something we should keep our eye out on. Board members asked the team to offer our support to hospital trust and relevant partners.

6. Domiciliary and Care Home Report

Board members were sent a copy of the report prior to the meeting. Board members did not have any questions. Report was welcomed by the board.

7. AOB

No other items were discussed

The meeting was closed.