

Healthwatch Kingston Upon Thames

Board Meeting, Wednesday 28th September 2022, 5.00pm - 6.00pm

DRAFT PART A MINUTES from 29th June 2022 FOR BOARD APPROVAL

PART A (OPEN 'PUBLIC' MEETING)

Present:

Liz Meerabeau, HWK Chair/Trustee Board Member (Board Lead for Primary Care)	LM	Nigel Spalding, HWK Treasurer/Trustee Board Member (Board Lead for Social Care)	NS
Grahame Snelling, HWK Trustee Board Member (Board Lead for Safeguarding)	GS	Scotty McLeod, HWK Trustee Board Member (Board Lead for Business Continuity)	SMc
James Waugh, HWK Trustee Board Member (Board Lead for Risk Management)	JW	Richard Allen, HWK Trustee Board Member	RA
Eeva Crawley	EC	Justina Jang	JJ
Jaimy Halliwell-Owen, Communications Officer (minutes)	SB	Candy Dunne, HWK Acting Chief Officer	CD
Kezia Coleman, HWK Projects and Outreach Officer (Disabilities and Mental Health)	KC	Helena Wright, HWK Projects and Outreach Officer (Young People and Safeguarding)	HJW

Agenda	Item No.	Actions
No.		
1	Welcome and apologies for absence/Declarations of interest (LM)	
	1.1LM welcomed all and everyone introduced themselves.	
	1.2 LM asked if there were any declarations of interest. None were raised.	
	1.3 Heather Donaldson, Stephen Bitti and Scott Bacon apologies	
	Appointment of new board members - Justina Jang (JJ), Eeva Crawley (EC)	
2	Appointment of new board members (LM)	
	2.1 All agreed	
	2.2 NS placed advert for treasurer	
3	PART A Minutes from 30 March 2022 for approval	
	Matters arising from:	
	PART A MINUTES 30 March 2022	
	3.1 The Board agreed PART A MINUTES from 30 March 2022 were a true reflection of the Board meeting.	

3.1 The Board noted that Matters arising from PART A MINUTES 30 March 2022 ((7.1) has been actioned.

4 Chair's Report (LM)

- 4.1 On 1st July the NHS structures which were created by the 2012 Health and Social Care Act, such as the CCG, will be abolished and in their place there will be an Integrated Care System for the six boroughs of south west London. A key driver for this change was the recognition that the complex market structure and the competition between organisations which was mandated by the 2012 Act did not function well and that for several years organisations had been working in cooperation. The ICS is required to work co-operatively and also includes the local authorities; it has been complex to determine how this translates into processes for decision making and financial accountability. A major change has been that GPs, who were at the heart of service commissioning in the previous system, are no longer in that position. There are two major bodies; the Integrated Care Board, and the Integrated Care Partnership, which has a wider range of stakeholders. It is likely that they will both meet face to face.
- 4.2 The ICS was expected to start on 1st April, the start of the financial year, but was delayed by the passage of the new legislation through Parliament; a key issue of debate in the House of Lords was that the NHS should resume its publication of a workforce plan, which was abolished in 2012. This important amendment was not included, although a (non-statutory) workforce plan is anticipated soon. In other parts of the country forming an ICS has been complex since organisations needed to be brought together, whereas in south west London the six CCGs merged in April 2020 and many of the personnel from the CCG have taken up senior roles in the ICS, such as the Chief Executive Sarah Blow and her deputy Karen Broughton. The merged South West London CCG began of course in the very early stages of the pandemic, when all parts of the NHS were under central control, and when Board meetings in public started they were, like all other meetings, held remotely. During those two years I represented the six SWL Healthwatches on the Governing Body, and there were also useful pre-meetings and briefing meetings for all six Healthwatches and the voluntary sector.
- 4.3 Public and patient involvement (PPI) has been a key issue throughout these changes. Prior to the 2020 merger, all six Healthwatches expressed concern that there would be only one representative at the Governing Body, and we were also concerned that at a borough (Place) level, meetings would not be in public. So the opportunity to raise a local issue in a meeting held in public (so we could be seen to be accountable) has been limited, as has the opportunity for members of the public to attend. These issues are still under discussion in the new structures-Healthwatch currently has only observer status on the ICB so the representative can ask questions only if invited to do so by the chair at the end of the meeting, whereas at the GB we could ask questions and raise points equally with other participants. Hopefully this will be addressed, given the commitment of the ICS to PPI. In addition, the greater involvement of the six Healthwatches in the business of the CCG and now the ICS, including more requests to us for information and coordinated views, has been recognised and a funded co-ordinator post will be hosted by Sutton HW. Until the role-holder is in post (which may be late 2022) I will continue to represent SWLHW.
- 4.4 Lastly, the Kingston Health and Wellbeing Board, which has statutory functions and on which HWK has statutory membership, had a peer review in early 2020. Implementation was of course paused by the pandemic, but we anticipate that a

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5	new, wider, membership will soon be announced which will strengthen its ability to fulfil an important public health role. Finance Report (RA) 5.1 The Board thanked RA for the report and:	
	 Noted the finance report to end of June 2022 (Quarter 1) Acknowledged the explanatory notes to the accounts - 2021/22 which were: 	
	5.2 2020-21 Accounts with Independent Examiner - need copies of all board minutes by next week.	5.2 CD/NS/ RA
6	Activity Report (SB)	
	 6.1 LM requested staff team talk through the activity report, thanked contributors and: Noted the Q1 Activity Report April - June 2022. 	
7	AOB 7.1 RA - taken on role as Board Lead for Hospital Services. RA - invited to make presentation to health overview panel on diabetes using pulse check report.	
8	Next Meeting: 8.1 Wed 28.09.22, 5-7.30pm - F2F/Virtual tbc.	
9	Close of PART A	

Signed: Approval Date:

Liz Meerabeau, Chair HWK