London Health Board meeting 1 March 2017
Draft minutes

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**Board members present**

_Sadiq Khan_, Mayor of London - Chair  
_Cllr Kevin Davis_, Leader, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, and London Councils’ Portfolio Lead for Health  
_Cllr Sarah Hayward_, Leader, London Borough of Camden, London Councils’ representative  
_Cllr Richard Watts_, Leader, London Borough of Islington, London Councils’ representative  
_Prof Yvonne Doyle_, Regional Director, Public Health England  
_Claire Murdoch_, Chair, Cavendish Square Group  
_Dr Marc Rowland_, Chair, London wide Clinical Commissioning Council

**Apologies**

_Daniel Elkeles_, Chief Executive, Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust.  
_Anne Rainsberry_, Director, NHS England (London)

_In attendance_  
_David Slegg_, Director of Finance, NHS England (London) – on behalf of Anne Rainsberry

_Nick Bowes_, Mayoral Director of Policy, Mayor of London’s Office  
_Tom Coffey_, Mayor’s Senior Advisor on Health Policy  
_Amanda Coyle_, Assistant Director, Communities & Intelligence, Greater London Authority  
_Nabihah Sachedina_, Director, London Health and Care Devolution Programme  
_Dick Sorabji_, Corporate Director Policy and Public Affairs, London Councils  
_Will Tuckley_, Chief Executive, London Borough of Tower Hamlets and Chief Executives’ London Committee Lead for Health – Presenting

**Officers observing**

_Shshaun Danielli_, Healthy London Partnership, Head of Transformation  
_Clive Grimshaw_, Strategic Lead for Health and Adult Social Care, London Councils  
_Terry Hume_, Policy and Programme Officer, London Health Board  
_Peter Kohn_, Director, Office of London CCGs  
_Gus Wilson_, Manager, London Health Board Secretariat
Introductions and welcome

The Mayor of London welcomed members to the London Health Board meeting. A specific welcome was made to Claire Murdoch who will represent London’s mental health trusts on the Board.

The Mayor noted the apologies of Daniel Elkeles, Chief Executive, Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust, who has accepted the invitation to join the Board to represent London’s acute trust Chief Executives.

Previous minutes

The Board agreed that the meeting note is a true and accurate record. All matters arising will be picked-up within the meeting agenda.

Health and care devolution

Cllr Davis provided an update on continued negotiations with national government partners to finalise the health and care devolution Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Cllr Davis also summarised the next steps in the transition to a delivery phase that will allow boroughs to adapt the MoU to their needs.

Key points of discussion

- On signature of the MoU the priorities are to:
  - Put in place appropriate governance and resources for the delivery phase.
  - Make sure that there is clarity on the commitments from national government partners and a clear timeline so that the MoU can be used to hold national government partners to account.
  - Ensure that boroughs are appropriately supported to maximise the opportunity devolution presents. This will need to include translating the technical work into a format.
- It has been possible to advance the NHS estates and integration agendas further than the prevention agenda. The Board was keen to retain high levels of ambition in the theme of prevention.
- A stakeholder event will be held in March to support the dissemination of content and opportunities presented by the MoU.

The Board welcomed the progress in developing the MoU and thanked partners and the team for their work.
Health Inequalities Strategy

Yvonne Doyle provided a short summary of work to date on the new Health Inequalities Strategy (HIS) in developing and demonstrating public support for the ambition of reducing the gap in healthy life expectancy between London’s boroughs, as well as the agreed priorities.

Key points of discussion

- The HIS will set an ambition for improvement over a ten-year timetable, with annual reporting on progress and review in 2021.
- There is existing experience of a ‘health equity in all policies’ approach across Board partner organisations and there is a commitment to mainstream the approach in the GLA.
- As many of the levers for addressing the wider determinants of health are not within the Mayor’s gift, a joint London strategy could make an important difference to public health for London. The Board endorsed the ambition for a London ‘system strategy’ that goes beyond the GLA and public sector to include business, charities and communities.
- There are a number of opportunities that are already or could be aligned with the HIS and would benefit from citywide leadership:
  - Health and care devolution
  - Social prescribing
  - Planning (London Plan and revised national planning guidance)
  - Making Every Contact Count
  - Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT)
- Sharing data and evidence – using digital technology to spread and promote a community of learning.

Actions

- Yvonne Doyle to consider the value in inviting a Board member to act as a health inequalities champion for the Board;
- Tom Coffey and Dick Sorabji to discuss how Health and Wellbeing Boards might take into account the HIS in future reviews of local strategies.

Thrive London

Cllr Hayward provided an update on Thrive London in terms of progress, next steps and underpinning principles, as well as the need for a credible collaborative resourcing plan.
Key points of discussion

- The Thrive London publication will be launched in summer 2017. For the launch the Board and Thrive programme should:
  
  - Aim to get achieve maximum coverage and raised profile for mental health and the programme including through celebrity champions and advocates from across all walks of life.
  - Identify advocates that are able to speak-up about stigma (including celebrities, business leaders and politicians)
  - Make the case for mental health and the resources that London needs.

- There needs to be discussions about resourcing the programme with all Board partner organisations.

- The next Board meeting will be able to discuss the proposals emerging out of the working groups and what immediate deliverables it will be possible to announce.

- The Board discussed three areas that might be key areas of focus:
  
  - Challenging stigma
  - Mental Health First Aid (mental health literacy but recognising the strength of Mental Health First Aid as a brand)
  - The role of employers in mental health improvement in the workplace

The final draft report and the next steps plans will be brought to the Board’s June meeting.

Future thematic areas for London Health Board consideration

Tom Coffey outlined potential additional themes and topics where the Board can add value through its leadership.

Key points of discussion

- There is merit in discussing a number of these areas. However the Board should consider:
  
  - The number of areas of the focus that the Board could take-on and give meaningfully consideration to.
  - Prioritising areas where there is the strongest case for political engagement at a pan-London level
  - Update on progress on the London Health Commission recommendations
• It would be useful for updates on the issues listed to be brought to the Board for information. Discussion would only be needed where there was a clear ask of the Board in unblocking issues impeding progress.

**Action:** The Board secretariat to engage with members to seek further comments on these potential additional themes for the Board and how these could best be taken forward.

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**Future meeting dates**

14th June 2016, 1400-1530

19th Sep 2017, 1400-1530

20th Dec 2017, 1400-1530

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**AOB**

**Action:** The Board agreed that a public meeting record will be made available within 2 weeks on the meeting.

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Ends.