

Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman's Annual Report

Chairman: Cllr. David Jefferys
Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Robert Evans

The Health and Wellbeing Board met four times in 2017/18.

Areas of work that have been explored include the Iris Project (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) in Bromley, a review of Winter Health and Social Care services and the development of Bromley's Homelessness Strategy. The Board continues to engage with a wide range of voluntary sector partners including receiving a presentation on the work of the Bromley Third Sector and Bromley Well.

The Board has considered a range of work related to the health and wellbeing of children and young people including health support to school-aged children, childhood obesity, the Vulnerable Adolescent Strategy and the Bromley Safeguarding Children Board's annual report. Infant mortality has been investigated by the Board following its identification as a key issue in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017, and the Board has also received a presentation on the Local CAMHS Transformation Plan 2017/18.

Work has been undertaken to consider how the Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund can best be used to support the development of sustainable adult social care services. The significant improvement in Delayed Transfer of Care Performance has been closely monitored. Regular updates have been provided on Dementia Services and new initiatives from across the Borough have been reviewed. The new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and Supporting Statement as well as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017 have been approved. The Board has also represented Bromley's interests at a regional level, including providing a response to the consultation on the London Health Inequalities Strategy and the Chairman's attendance at a range of national and regional groups and forums.

Having identified falls as an area of concern for the Borough's older population, the Board has convened the Falls Task and Finish Group which is being chaired by Professor Cameron Swift, a world expert on falls and a member of the NICE Falls Clinical Guideline Group and Quality Standards Advisory Committee with the aim of developing a collaborative approach to falls across health and social care partners. The Board has also championed and promoted the key issue of social isolation culminating in the highly successful November 2017 Campaign to support increased social inclusion.

There has been a continued emphasis on partnership working within the Health and Wellbeing Board which has representation from a range of key partners including the Local Authority, Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group, Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board, Bromley Safeguarding Children Board and Bromley Voluntary Sector.

In light of all these achievements, I would like to thank the commitment and hard work of Board Members, key partners and Local Authority Officers in continuing to support and provide challenge to this wide-ranging work programme which is key to improving the quality of health and wellbeing provision across Bromley.

Councillor David Jefferys
Chairman, Health and Wellbeing Board