

## **Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman's Annual Report 2019/20**

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

Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) were established in 2012 through the Health and Social Care Act Chapter 2 with a defined composition and a range of statutory responsibilities. Boards are required to oversee the development of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), receive, discuss and publish the reports of the Adults and Children's Safeguarding Boards and undertake the Pharmaceutical Strategic Needs Assessment (PSNA). The Board also has a statutory duty to overview and sign off on the Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund.

The Bromley HWB undertook all these statutory roles during the civic year, although the PSNA submission has subsequently been postponed by the Government because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We received regular updates from the working groups which have been established to take forward the priority actions set out in the JSNA published in the January 2019 Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Priority Area Action Plan Updates were presented on cancer services, dementia, childhood obesity, diabetes, adolescent mental health and falls in the elderly. Additional Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Updates discussed Included the impact of homelessness on health.

Four face to face meetings were held during the year and one virtual meeting. The latter was one of the first virtual meetings to be held during the pandemic. It was felt important to hold this meeting to receive an update on behalf of the public on the response of the NHS, the Public Health Department and the Care Services Department to the pandemic crisis in Bromley. This meeting opened with a minute of silence to remember those Bromley residents who had died from Covid-19 and to recognise all those who were working in the NHS, in care homes, community care services and other critical functions to support our community.

Beyond the statutory duties, the Bromley HWB has sought to work as a "catalyst" and a "facilitator" with other stakeholders to enhance health and wellbeing in Bromley. In this role the following issues were considered:

- Delayed Transfer of Care (DToC) Performance Updates
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Reform Updates
- Bromley Winter Assurance Plan Updates
- One Bromley / System Reform / Integrated Commissioning Board / Primary Care Commissioning Update / Place Based Board Updates
- Ravensbourne School's Period Poverty Pilot Scheme Updates
- Violence against Women and Girls Update
- Joint Mental Health Strategy Update
- Ageing Well in Bromley Update

- Transitional Safeguarding Workshop Update
- Physical Activity and Mytime Active Update
- Bromley Local CAMHS Transformation Plan
- Issues related to Covid-19 (Informal meeting)
- Social isolation and loneliness.

The Board considered and endorsed the following Annual Reports:

- Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group: Annual Engagement Report 2018/19
- Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19
- Bromley Communications and Engagement Network Annual Report 2019
- Bromley Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018/19.

I would especially like to highlight the contribution all members of the Board have given this year. The Board brings together the key partners in the health sector, social care, the voluntary and third sector along with Healthwatch Bromley and the Independent Chairs of the Children and the Adult Safeguarding Boards. The engagement with the third sector and the amazing network of volunteers across Bromley is particularly welcomed and appreciated. During the year the Board gave close attention to the issue of Bromley Well and of the integration of health and social care.

At the end of March, Bromley CCG was merged into the new SE London CCG and will be replaced by a Bromley “place-based board”. During the past year I regularly attended the meetings of the Bromley CCG as an observer and at the last meeting in March publicly expressed my appreciation for the close working and great contribution the CCG and its members on the HWB had made to health and wellbeing for our residents. We are fortunate that we will not lose these members with the great expertise and insight from the HWB for the civic year 2020/21.

The Chairs of the London HWBs now meet bimonthly to exchange best practice and be briefed on pan London initiatives. These meetings have increased in frequency and importance over the past year, becoming especially important during the pandemic with additional virtual meetings being held.

Looking to the future the Board already had a full agenda. The Covid-19 pandemic has emphasised the critical role of public health. It has accentuated several matters of concern already being taken forward, especially dementia care and mental health and mental wellbeing. It has been encouraging to see the increase in walking, physical exercise and cycling during the lock down period and the support neighbours and local communities are giving to the lonely and isolated. We are seeing our parks being appreciated as places to promote wellbeing. There is a renewed attention upon obesity as a major public health imperative. The Bromley HWB is well placed to take forward the agenda of further improving health and wellbeing for all who live and work in Bromley.

**Councillor David Jefferys**  
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