

Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman's Annual Report 2022/23

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

The Health and Wellbeing Board met four times in 2022/23. The September meeting was cancelled following the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Board discussed a wide range of issues during the Civic Year. These discussions covered four themes, namely developing, and monitoring the Winter Preparedness Plan (this was anticipated to be a very difficult winter with predictions of a high incidence of influenza infections and the impact of Covid-19 variants); reviewing the health and wellbeing consequences of the pandemic; working on health promotion and prevention initiatives; and working on the new 5-year JSNA Plan for Bromley. This work was undertaken in addition to fulfilling the statutory responsibilities of Board.

The areas of work that have been explored include:

June 2022:

- Update on Children and Young People's Mental Health
- Public Health Management of COVID-19 Pandemic (including discussion on lessons learnt from the pandemic)
- Substance Misuse Needs Assessment
- Review of Current Health & Wellbeing Strategy Priorities
- Promoting Brain Health – proposal for a Task and Finish group

December 2022:

- Health and Wellbeing Strategy: JSNA Priority Area - Presentation from the Falls Service
- Bromley Winter Plan 2022/23 Update
- Additional Hospital Discharge Funds 2022/23
- Learning from the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme
- Integrated Commissioning Board Update
- Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report
- Innovations from the ICB/CCG
- Annual Public Health Report – “The Calendar of Bugs 2023”

February 2023:

- Health and Wellbeing Boards - Guidance November 2022
- Update on Children and Young People's Mental Health
- Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/22
- Update on the New Health And Wellbeing Strategy
- Screening Update

March 2023:

- Health and Wellbeing Strategy update
- JSNA Update
- Update on the Bromley Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Presentation of the Children's JSNA
- HIV infections monitoring

- Update on Post-COVID syndrome service
- Integrated Commissioning Board Update
- Vaping in Children
- Suicide Prevention Workstream: Update and Plans
- Screening Update
- Combating Drugs Partnership
- Update on the Brain Health Task and Finish Group

Development of the new JSNA

Prior to the December meeting of the HWB, a 'Workshop on the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy' was held. HWB Members, and wider partners received an initial presentation on the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy following which attendees were allocated to smaller breakout groups to hold further discussions. This output was taken forward in discussions at the February and March meetings. The Board has paid close attention to the health and prevention priorities developed by the SE London ICB. The Bromley HWB has sought to appropriately complement and implement the ICB strategy recognising the particular needs and circumstances in our Borough and communities.

Throughout the year the HWB were also provided with updates on the Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund Performance and Healthwatch Bromley - Patient Experience Reports. The Board was also pleased to receive and agree the publication of the annual reports from the Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Bromley Safeguarding Adult Board. The Board commented on the great work undertaken by the two Boards and the clarity of their new style annual reports.

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 Integrated Care System, Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board, Bromley Safeguarding Children Board and Bromley Voluntary Sector.

The Chairman attended the pan London HWB Chairs meetings organised by London Councils (these were held monthly in the first half of the Civic Year) and several ad hoc meetings called by the London Councils Group. The Chairman also represented the HWB at the meetings of the Adult Safeguarding Board and the Bromley "inter chairs meeting".

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 Dr. David Jefferys
Chairman, Health and Wellbeing Board