

**Local Strategic Partnership  
HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

(Draft)

**Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Well-Being Action Partnership held on  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at 2.30pm in Room 1 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), Kirkdale House, Leytonstone.**

**Present:**

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| Pui-Ling Li (Chair) (PLL) | Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust                  |
| Louisa Hitchman           | Whipps Cross University Hospital Trust             |
| Neil Collins              | Voluntary Action Waltham Forest / CEN              |
| Gabriele Jerome           | Community Empowerment Network (CEN)                |
| Mimi Konigsberg (MK)      | LBWF, Executive Director, Community Services       |
| Clive Morton              | LBWF, Head of Cultural Services                    |
| Denise Vittorino (DV)     | Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust                  |
| Faiza Rizvi               | BME Alliance / AWAS                                |
| Aisling Bowman            | Whipps Cross University Hospital Trust             |
| Melanie Ridge (MR)        | Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust                  |
| Mairead Wren (MW)         | Whipps Cross University Hospital Trust             |
| Ben Plant                 | LBWF, Executive Support Officer                    |
| Dominic Millen            | LBWF, Senior Performance Management Officer        |
| Steph McEvaddy (SM)       | LBWF, LSP Co-ordination Manager                    |
| Peter Boon (PB)           | LBWF, Head of Policy, Planning and Performance     |
| Garry Seal                | LBWF, Group Manager, Community Protection Services |
| Matthew Smith             | Committee Manager, LBWF                            |

| <b>Item</b>  | <b>Action</b> |
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| <b>1. Introduction and apologies for absence</b>   |               |
| 1.1 All those present introduced themselves. Pui Ling-Li took the chair in the absence of Sally Gorham ( <i>Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust, Chief Executive</i> ) who had given apologies. Apologies were also received from Angela McPherson ( <i>Family Service Unit</i> ), Fiona Jackson ( <i>EduAction</i> ), Sarah Thistle ( <i>EduAction</i> ), Alan Carlton ( <i>CEN</i> ), Sharon Wint-Gordon ( <i>Whipps Cross University Hospital Trust</i> ), Chris Symons ( <i>Greenwich Leisure</i> ). |               |
| <b>2. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 and matters arising</b>  |               |
| <u>Accuracy:</u> There were no corrections.  |               |
| <u>Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda:</u> There were none. The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2005 were then confirmed as a correct record.  |               |
| <b>3. Feedback from LSP Core Group</b>   |               |
| 3.1 The LSP has rated itself Green in the Self-Assessment and is waiting to hear back from Government Office for London. The LSP was rated Amber/Green last year. This year's rating decision will be based more firmly on outcomes related to performance against floor targets - including that of reducing infant mortality. Very few LSPs are expected to achieve a Green rating .   |               |

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3.2 The Core Group has endorsed the submitted expression of interest for the LSP to become a second wave pilot for a Local Area Agreement. If the LSP is accepted, the floor targets will be built into that Agreement.

3.3 Health and Well-Being having put the matter on the agenda, Core has agreed in principle to set up a multi-agency working group on Smoking Cessation. Another cross-cutting issue identified is the potential scope for co-operation in relation to estate and accommodation issues.

3.4 The LSP Conference to launch the Community Strategy will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**4. Local Public Service Agreement 2 (including Public Health targets)**

4.1 Peter Boon presented the report. Five agreed Community Strategy Priorities plus objectives were highlighted, including smoking cessation and improving the health of school children. Some targets and baselines remain to be worked out - including the target around Children's Health. The Healthy Schools Steering Group is seeking guidance in relation to measurement of the children's health target.

4.2 The main points raised in discussion were as follows:

- While Body Mass Index (BMI) is viewed as intrusive by some, it may provide a more meaningful measure of childhood obesity than waist circumference (WC).
- Over-complexity, involving baskets of indicators, should be avoided in favour of a practical measure.
- Obesity, activity and recreation are performance indicators to be measured under the Children Act – DFES guidance on measurement of obesity is hoped for by early July.
- Terms such as “moderately active” require agreed definition.
- Obesity measurement fundamentally needs support and co-operation from schools, faced with competing priorities.
- Sure Start, Children's Centres and Waltham Forest Sports Council may also have a role.
- Physical activity in schools must be increased. There is scope to look beyond LPSA2 to build in the activity agenda.
- The children's health target should also include a measure for physical activity, probably based on hours per week.
- Final agreement on LPSA2 will be required by December, leading to implementation from April 2006 with overall grant funding for the borough of £1million. The scheme will run for at least three years. Work on the Local Area Agreement application and LPSA2 should be run concurrently.

**Action:** Children's Health target for obesity, based on a practical measure, to be supplemented by a measure for physical activity.

PB

**5. Maternal and Infant Health – Health Equality Audit and workshop feedback**

- 5.1 The report and presentation were delivered by Pui-Ling Li. The report gives feedback on a successful workshop held last December. The presentation highlights the following findings:
- Infant mortality in the borough is highest among the South Asian population.
  - Perinatal mortality, stillbirths, late booking for antenatal care and caesarean sections are highest among Black African mothers.
  - Teenage conceptions are on the rise - pregnancies ending in delivery are highest among the Black Caribbean group.

- 5.2 The principal points raised in discussion were as follows:
- Lack of classification by ethnic coding within the statistics is disappointingly high, although Whipps Cross Hospital is better than average for this measure.
  - Lack of antenatal care in other countries, where family networks are relied upon, may be a psychological barrier to women seeking appointments early enough in the UK. More research on the reasons for late booking is needed. Voluntary organisations provide a key gateway for reaching women from ethnic minorities.
  - Developments include a new dating scan service for pregnant mothers (at 12 weeks) at Whipps Cross, and employment of Sure Start midwives in the poorest wards – with two full-time posts to be added shortly.
  - Target groups should be South Asian and black women, and the southern part of the borough.

**Action:** PCT and Whipps Cross to meet to follow through on issues raised in the presentation and the Health Equality Audit.

MR/PLL/MW

**6. Health of the Borough – Public Health Partnership Arrangements**

- 6.1 Mimi Konigsberg spoke to this item making the following points:
- Progress on follow through has been delayed through lack of staffing resources.
  - Much is already being done and this needs to be communicated.
  - The project must be completed to take to Cabinet in September.

- 6.2 The following points were made in discussion:
- Health of the Borough and Public Health Partnership Arrangements are distinct, though related projects.
  - Strategy and Social Inclusion could fund a policy officer working one day a week, who could be based at Kirkdale House.
  - 18 hours' staff time is also available for a new post working exclusively on the Public Health agenda – a replacement for former policy lead, Jan Davies who has joined the new

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Children Act project team.

6.3 **Action:** Agree resourcing and implementation for follow through on Health of the Borough and Public Health Partnership arrangements through consultation between the PCT and the Local Authority's Assistant Chief Executive.

PLL/MK/PB

7. **Terms of reference and membership**

The existing terms of reference were formulated in December 2003. The following points were made in discussion:

- The present terms of reference are too generalised.
- Some of the terminology is out of date.
- The terms of reference should state a small number of things the Partnership intends to do well.

**Action:** New draft terms of reference to be presented to the next meeting, reflecting current priorities.

PB/SM/  
PLL/DV

8. **Any Other Business**

Those present from Whipps Cross expressed their wish to continue to be invited to these meetings and the chair emphasised the importance of this link.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005 from 2pm – 4pm at the Score Centre, Leyton.

Agreed .....Chair

Date .....

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