

**LSP PUBLIC HEALTH EXECUTIVE PARTNERSHIP
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**Minutes of a meeting of the LSP Public Health Executive Partnership held at 2pm on
Monday 27th November 2006 at Kirkdale House (4th floor), 7 Kirkdale Rd,
Leytonstone.**

Members

Pui-Ling Li (Chair) (PLL)	Waltham Forest PCT, Director of Public Health
Linda Wacey	LBWF, Head of Community Protection
Mimi Konigsberg	LBWF, Executive Director, Adult and Community Services
Cllr Liz Phillips (LP)	LBWF, Portfolio lead – Health, Adults and Older People
Neil Collins	Voluntary Action Waltham Forest

Officers

Hayley Sullivan (HS)	WF PCT, Smoking Cessation Service Manager (4.2 only)
Ben Plant (BP)	LBWF, Partnership Performance Manager
Steph McEvaddy	LBWF, LSP Co-ordination Manager
Matthew Smith	LBWF, Committee Manager

Item

1. Introduction and apologies

All those present introduced themselves. Apologies had been received from: Shona Brown (Whipps Cross Hospital); Yvonne Toms (LBWF, Housing); Alex Horne (NELMHT).

2. Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 27th September 2006 and matters arising

2.1 Accuracy: There were no corrections.

2.2 Matters arising:

Item 4 LSP review The final recommendations will be presented to the LSP Executive Board on 22nd January and go to Cabinet for approval in March.

2.3 **Item 8 Olympics strategy** The strategy is being re-formulated in the light of comments from the Council Leader. The final version should be presented at the December meeting of the Olympic Strategy Group.

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 27th September 2006 were AGREED as a correct record.

**3. Changes to the Healthier Communities and Older People Block –
3.1 LAA Smoking Indicators**

Ben Plant presented the report on LAA smoking indicators. The report makes clear that the Department of Health is now asking for different information and new indicators are needed that more closely match the Department of Health requirements. Collection of baselines for the new indicators will take about twelve months.

3.2 The proposed changes to the smoking indicators were AGREED.

4. LAA Performance Management: Quarter 2

4.1 Ben Plant presented the report on LAA Performance (2nd Quarter, 206/2007). Overall, 3 indicators are on target, 5 are off target and data is unavailable for 7 targets – where performance is collected annually.

4.2 **Increase the number of 4-week smoking quitters who attended NHS Smoking Cessation Services – cumulative figure** (Performance is seriously off target). Hayley Sullivan, Smoking Cessation Service Manager, joined the meeting for this item only. The low number of quitters is largely due to a delay in agreeing this year's new Service Level Agreement for community pharmacists, which affected the level of smoking cessation activity in quarter one. The report shows key actions planned to improve performance, including contacting everyone on a GP register who is recorded as being a smoker.

4.3 The main points made in discussion were as follows:

- Harry Clibbens has been identified as lead manager for the work around this target.
- The drop in referrals may be partly because we are getting down to the hard-core smokers.
- In principle, the smoking target cannot be renegotiated because it is a reward target. Other boroughs are struggling too and this might possibly enable discussion to take place with the Department of Health regarding the target if evidence of the widescale nature of the problem is provided.
- Redbridge are one of the few London boroughs performing well against this target but their action plan looks not dissimilar those of other boroughs.
- A way should be found to engage NELMHT more fully with this issue; the PCT has offered training.
- Smoking cessations sessions should be run for Council staff in January / February in anticipation of the ban on smoking on Council premises coming into force in March.
- Clients who usually have to pay for prescriptions also have to pay the prescription charge for stop smoking medication but this is still much cheaper than the over the counter charge of around £25.

Action: Send the PCT flyer on the Stop Smoking service to Kat Myers, LBWF Head of Communications.

Action: Include Low Hall Depot staff in targeting. Contact Robin Carter.

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4.4 **Increase the number of swims and other visits to public leisure centres per 1,000 population** (Performance is slightly off target)
A problem has been closure of centres due to flooding. Some centres have been closed for capital works. Sufficient and suitable provision for women only sessions is important. Part of the review of the contract with GLL involves looking at the service in terms of its impact on community cohesion.

4.5 **Increase the number of older people helped to live at home – cumulative figure** (Performance is slightly off target.)
Lots of work is in place, focusing on those with learning and physical

disabilities. Older people provided with safety alarms by the local authority can now be counted as among those helped to live at home.

- 4.6 Discussion around the targets for reducing the number of falls and reducing the number of emergency hospital admissions of people aged 65 and over was deferred.

5. Obesity Surveillance of Children in Waltham Forest

5.1 Pui-Ling Li presented the report on *Obesity Surveillance of Waltham Forest Children in July 2006*. The prevalence of overweight and obesity among Waltham Forest children aged 4-5 and 10-11 years is 11% overweight and 15% obese. Obesity is not concentrated in the deprived neighbourhoods but spread across the borough, pointing to the need for a universal approach. The report suggests that a multi-agency group is required to tackle the obesity problem. Table 6 provides a framework for action. In 2007 there will be more time to get the support of schools to take part and the aim will be for a 100% uptake.

5.2 The main points made in discussion were as follows:

- Linking in with healthy eating programmes is important .
- This work needs to feed into the At Risk Households work and the Choosing Health work – although it does not fit neatly.
- Benchmarking will be important to see what programmes may be working elsewhere.
- The lack of supervised green space may be a problem – rather than the lack of green space itself.
- The LAA target on physical exercise for children is to be tabled at Children's Services' new performance management group.

Action: Children's Services to be asked to report on planning around the LAA exercise target.

Action: This theme to be fed in to the work around area-based management of extended schools.

Action: Raise the obesity issue with Sports Development and Youth Services by contacting the Head of Cultural Services

Action: Discuss with Cllr Richard Sweden, the establishment of a sub-group of Scrutiny around obesity.

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6. Working with At Risk Households / Delivering Choosing Health Priorities

6.1 Pui Ling-Li tabled the report from Tracey Thompson, Head of BNI. It was reported that the Public Health Improvement Manager is away from work for personal reasons. A person to cover this post is being sought. Dr Fosters have now concluded their research to identify At Risk Households within the five neighbourhoods. The Household Health Improvement Managers are expected to be in post from January.

6.2 The main points made in discussion were as follows:

- Significant mental health needs have been identified and further resources need to be invested in exploring the barriers to adopting a healthier lifestyle posed by mental health problems.
- There is a risk of a sharp upturn in CHD in the borough – hospital

activity data does not show the risk.

Action: Invite Dr Foster’s to give a presentation on their findings, extending the invitation to the BNI team.

Action: Head of Better Neighbourhoods to supply PCT with a blurb about the Public Health Improvement Manager position for circulation round the PCT and NHSNet.

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7. Local Government White Paper

7.1 Mimi Konigsberg delivered the tabled presentation on the *Local Government White Paper 2006: The Health Implications*. The Health and Social Care Bill, when it is published, will clarify how the Local Involvement Networks are to work. The Community Call for Action (CCFA) could mean that elected Members raise public concerns through the Scrutiny process. Department of Health guidance is expected on joint commissioning. Health and Wellbeing Partnerships are to become statutory.

7.2 The main points made in discussion were as follows:

- Funding for revised consultation structures should not just subsidise Scrutiny.
- When the Health and Social Care Bill is published, this will help to clarify how existing consultation and governance structures should be adapted.
- The Department of Health is due to publish guidance after Christmas.
- It will be important to look at the White Paper in the light of the recommendations in the LSP review.

Action: Circulate web address for the Local Government White Paper.

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8. Any Other Business

A consultation will take place on the future of Whipps Cross Hospital. A meeting is taking place on 29th November for key stakeholders and there will also be a meeting for elected members in December. Five options have been identified and a decision will be taken on how many of these should be presented for public consultation in the January – March period. A proposal for the future cannot go to the Department of Health without the support of the Strategic Health Authority.

9. Date of next meeting: Monday 5th February, Room 1, 4th Floor, Kirkdale House, Kirkdale Rd, Leytonstone

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