

PRESENT

Members of the Committee

Councillor Merrick Cockell (Leader, RBKC)
Councillor Judith Blakeman (Notting Barns Ward, RBKC)
Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown (Cabinet Member, RBKC)
Councillor Shireen Ritchie (Cabinet Member, RBKC)
Anna Porta (VOF Children and Young People)
Barbara Perkins (Learning Skills Council)
Brian Deans (Borough Commander, LFB)
Chief Supt. Mark Heath (Borough Commander, MPA)
Jamie Renton (VOF Disability Issues representative)
Helen Leech (VOF Health and Wellbeing)
Malcolm Spalding, Vice-Chairman (President, K&C Chamber of Commerce)
Manpreet Dillon (Managing Director, Kensington Housing Trust)
Mary Gardiner (Chief Executive, KCSC)
Michael Bach (Chairman, KCSC)
Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health, K&C PCT)
Peter Molyneux (Chairman, NHS Kensington and Chelsea)
Zrinka Bralo (VOF Engaging Communities)

Others in Attendance

Councillor Dr. Iain Hanham (Lead Member, RBKC - Regeneration, Environmental Management and Leisure)
Derek Myers (Town Clerk, RBKC)
Tony Redpath (Director of Strategy and Service Improvement, RBKC)
Rachel Smith (KCP Support Manager)
Nicola Weaver (KCP Support)
Annette Furley (Audit Commission)
Hannah Hutter (Governance Services, RBKC)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND AGREEMENT TO THE AGENDA

The following Steering Group Members gave their apologies:

- Joyce Roberts, being substituted by Barbara Perkins
- Jane Makower
- Celia Rees-Jenkins

The Steering Group agreed the agenda.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2008

The Steering Group agreed the minutes of the meeting of 12 November and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Item 4

To insert the text -

NHS Kensington and Chelsea

Melanie Smith reported that

The PCT had received a more favourable than expected financial settlement. For 2009/10 they would have approximately an additional £6million to invest locally. However, in two years time it was expected that the NHS financial position would worsen significantly. Major developments for 2009/10 would be the separation from the commissioning PCT of provider services and the creation of a new shadow organisation providing community health services across Westminster, K&C and H&F. The remaining commissioning PCT would be collaborating with Westminster and H&F to increase its influence over Chelsea and Westminster and Imperial hospitals to ensure they were meeting local health needs. There would be a reopening of the consultation on changes to trauma and stroke services across London. St Charles would be reopening as a new community hospital and work was starting to develop a new Gp and dental surgery in Earls Court.

3 UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY, EQUALITIES, INCLUSIVITY (CEI) THEME GROUP

A paper was tabled which outlined the CEI sub-groups preparations for its inaugural meeting on Wednesday 22 April 2009. The Group then heard from Jamie Renton who had been appointed Chairman - elect of the sub-group about the key priorities and its membership, it was felt that the membership should ensure joined up thinking takes place. Jamie felt that two groups had been under represented in the membership, which were ethnic minorities and young people. There was a consensus from the Steering Group that the sub-group should be task focused. It was suggested that representatives from the Youth Forum could attend the sub-group meetings.

4 SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME - HEALTHCARE FOR LONDON

Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health, K&C PCT gave a presentation on the current consultation regarding hospital based care in London for patients with a major trauma or stroke.

During the presentation the following points were highlighted:

- What was a trauma;

- The scale of the problem;
- The case for change;
- What a good major trauma service looked like; and
- What a good trauma network looked like.

Melanie Smith then outlined the options for the major trauma networks. It was stated that the PCT's preferred option would have four major trauma centres, with St Mary's Hospital being one of the major trauma centres. It was noted that if someone suffered a major trauma within Greater London the patient would be taken straight to a major trauma centre, initially then moved out, once stabilised to a local trauma centre. It was stated that everyone would only be 45 minutes away at maximum from a major trauma centre. With four major trauma centres there would not be a problem with overcrowding and would be more resilient on the case of a major incident, as well as having smaller networks to manage. There was a protocol being worked on for the area just outside of Greater London.

Melanie Smith went on to give the next part of the presentation regarding adult based hospital care in terms of a stroke. It was stated that the proposal could save 400 lives per year and save thousands from disability.

The following areas were outlined:

- What is a stroke;
- Avoiding a stroke;
- The scale of the problem;
- The case for change;
- What a good stroke service looks like;
- The 'three hour window'; and
- Recognising the signs of a stroke;

The proposals were as follows: There would be eight hyper-acute units where all patients would go for very specialised treatment. No-one would be more than a 30 minute ambulance journey from a centre and would be scanned and (if appropriate) thrombolysed within 30 minutes of arrival at the centre. There would be over 20 local stroke units where people would go after the first 3 days, for ongoing care and rehabilitation. There would also be transient ischaemic attack centres providing rapid testing and specialist services for people who had suffered a 'mini stroke'. The Steering Group viewed maps on the presentation of where the proposed units would be located.

A case study had been undertaken on heart attacks where eight specialist units had been in operation since 2005. It was noted that since the units had been in operation it had reduced deaths by 40%, even though the location of the units had not been mapped out as proposed for the major trauma and stroke centres. The Steering Group were shown real data in forms of graphs which backed up the argument for specialist centres.

Melanie Smith outlined the workforce and next steps. It was stated that there needed to be more training, especially recognising stroke services as a specialty. Services needed to be developed which were available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Costs were outlined and it was noted that the PCT had made allowances for the increased costs.

The Steering Group raised various questions and the following points were made:

- There was strong evidence for having specialist units and the next area to be looked at would be paediatrics;

- The Darcy report kicked started the review for specialist centres;
- There would be a knock on effect for the hospitals in the west of London if Chelsea and Westminster Hospital did not get a specialist status but at this stage no comments could be made;
- Local services would not be done away with as there would always be value in the local A&E etc. There was only so far the area of specialism could be taken, and the role of the general hospital would always be there.

Lastly Melanie Smith let the Steering Group know the details for the consultation response and stated that the consultation would close on 8 May 2009.

The Steering Grouped thanked Melanie Smith for a detailed and interesting presentation.

5 NEWS AND VIEWS

Each Member of the Steering Group gave an update from their organisation.

Jamie Renton (VOF Disability Issues representative)

It was reported that at a recent meeting of the Disability, Education, Learning, Employment and Benefits group they felt that there was a lack of awareness regarding employment for disabled people and work was being undertaken to get people on courses and through a progressive route into work. The next meeting would be on 28 April and a seminar of changes in benefits would be taking place.

Councillor Paget-Brown (Cabinet Member for Transportation, Environment and Leisure)

It was reported that Little Wormwood Scrubs had been successful in its bid for the Mayor's Priority Parks Programme. The Regeneration Exchange had taken place and had been a productive event focussing on worklessness and the economic downturn. Cllr Paget-Brown attended a Chamber of Commerce event where green issues were discussed and how to save organisations money. The Mayor of London's cycle hire scheme was due being consulted on at present.

Manpreet Dillon (Managing Director, Kensington Housing Trust)

It was reported that there was a big piece of work to undertake regarding the overcrowding, homelessness and access to property with disabled residents. The Homes and Housing theme group of the KCP was to be established to focus on issues of interest for RSLs in the borough and

report back to the KCP. This was Manpreet's first meeting of the Steering Group.

Brian Deans (Borough Commander, LFB)

It was reported that one of the LAA targets had been achieved. The Audit Commission had just carried out an assessment of the service and had scored it as excellent. The Brigade was still ranked first in London.

Malcolm Spalding, Vice-Chairman (President, K&C Chamber of Commerce)

The Learning, Work and Business theme group had carried out some work on the LAA targets focussing on two main groups, loan parents and incapacity benefits. Another area of work had been identified which was health.

Malcolm reported that the Mayor of London was investing in the promotion of tourism for London and was very keen to follow suit and work on promoting the Royal Borough. It was suggested that the new Mayor of the Royal Borough could get on board with the idea.

The next Chamber of Commerce event would be held on 21 March at the Westborne Studios. The event was aimed at employers, covering issues such as flexible working hours.

Chief Supt. Mark Heath (Borough Commander, MPA)

Mark Heath report some statistics of crime in the Royal Borough. Robbery was down 21% and there was currently 1200, emergency calls per month. The force were in the top five for responding to complaints and after a review had been undertaken they were still at the top of the performance tree.

Michael Bach (Chairman, KCSC)

The Social Council had supported a training day which had been funded by the community empowerment fund. A new training programme was being worked on and there would be a climate change seminar taking place.

Zrinka Bralo (VOF Engaging Communities)

The next Engaging Communities VOF was scheduled to look at community engagement activities in the borough where Stephen Morgan the Community Engagement Manager would be in attendance. It was hoped the Group would be able to understand how smaller community organisations participate in community engagement.

Councillor Judith Blakeman (Notting Barns Ward, RBKC)

Consultation had been carried out on the project taking place in the Notting Barns ward. At a recent meeting Groundwork had given a presentation on how to engage with the community. It was noted that Groundwork

undertake some great work with the community such as cooking, gardening and trips.

Barbara Perkins (Learning Skills Council)

It was reported that the LSC were still going through the Business Cycle on allocations, 16-18 allocations had gone to schools and colleges. Adult learner numbers were being moderated and providers would be notified at the end of March.

The LSC were currently scoring bids which were sent in for ESF Response to Redundancy, there would be an invitation to tender which would be extended to those providers who had completed the quality provider framework for Employer Responsive funding.

The LSC local partnership team should know more about how the shadow structures and how they would be implemented towards the end of March, beginning of April. The Royal Borough had met with LSC to consider how they could contribute to the 20,000 public sector apprenticeship target. The National Apprenticeship Service goes live in April.

Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health, K&C PCT)

The PCT had gone through assurance testing and had scored 4th best in London. The PCT were currently exploring whether they could be a pilot authority for a 'fit for work' scheme.

Councillor Shireen Ritchie (Cabinet Member, RBKC)

The launch of the Children's Trust Board was taking place on Monday 16 March. The report into the Baby P case was expected back within the next couple of days.

Helen Leech (VOF Health and Wellbeing)

It was noted that a practice based commissioning meeting had take place. Cllr Freeman had taken up the task of mapping the current services and further physical activity sessions had been implemented and started such as Thai chi.

Councillor Merrick Cockell (Leader, RBKC)

The Council had just been confirmed as a 4* Authority for the seventh year in a row, which was the entirety of the Comprehensive Performance Assessments life. It was noted that the Council was one of only three authorities in the UK to have achieved this.

All places in the Chelsea Academy had been allocated, but there were still 80 children with no places.

The Communities Relation lecture was well received.

Council Tax proposals had been announced, there would be a £50 efficiency dividend to all residents were eligible to pay council tax.

6 COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Annette Furley from the Audit Commission spoke to the Steering Group about the CAA. It was noted that the CAA would be live from 1 April 2009. The Steering Group members were encouraged to read the framework for the CAA if they had not already done so. The framework was available on the Audit Commission's website.

It was stated that Annette Furley would be reporting to the Steering Group in July with key messages from the information gathered to form the CAA. At the Group's September meeting a draft area assessment would be reported for comment and a final version would be published in November. It was noted that a format for the report had not been agreed.

Annette Furley noted that the Audit Commission has prepared some background notes on Kensington and Chelsea which would be the start of an on-going dialogue between the commission and the KCP, and ultimately form the basis of the Area Assessment judgement as apart of CAA.

7 KCP REVIEW

The Group had before it a paper which outlined the feedback from the bi-annual review of the Partnership. The Steering Group were encouraged to prioritise areas for action during 2009/10.

Discussion took place regarding feedback and areas for action. During discussion it was highlighted that an away day for the Steering Group would be a good idea, it was felt that it would have to be structured around a piece of work to ensure that the time was used productively. Concerns about the membership of the Steering Group were raised, it was felt that the membership needed to be kept at a manageable level.

After some discussion it was **agreed** that:

- An away day be organised; and
- All suggestions for areas of action in the paper be undertaken.

8 DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The Steering Group gave consideration to a paper which introduced the final draft of Delivering for Our Community. It was stated that the paper would be going to Cabinet at the end of the month.

The Group were informed that the commentary column would be improved and text would be added where the targets were not self explanatory. The Steering Group went through the targets and after a lengthy discussion were in agreement that it could be approved once various amendments had been made.

The meeting ended at 6.21pm

CHAIRMAN