

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA  
ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

**3 MARCH 2022**

**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGER**

**MENTAL HEALTH IN NORTH KENSINGTON WORKING GROUP**

**1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out the final report of the Mental Health in North Kensington Working Group.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members of the select committee to discuss the working group report as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Members of the select committee to support the six recommendations in the report, which it will make to NHS organisations and the Council's Leadership Team.

**3 WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES**

- 3.1 The Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee agreed in October 2020 to set up a working group to review mental health and emotional wellbeing in North Kensington in light of the impact of the Grenfell tragedy on the community. The review had been planned to be completed by May 2021; however, because of the operational challenges of dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdowns it was not possible for NHS partners to take part and the review's timescale was extended. The inclusion of the working group on the scrutiny work programme for this municipal year was proposed at a select committee on 28 June and agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8 July 2021.
- 3.2 The purpose of the working group was to carry out a cross-cutting review of mental health and emotional wellbeing services provided by NHS bodies, the Council and community providers for residents in the five wards of North Kensington. This included the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service; council-commissioned services for adults such as Together for Grenfell, and support for children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. In addition, it reviewed support provided by wider services such as Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) and GP primary care.

- 3.3 As part of the evidence-gathering for the report, the working group met with representatives of Central and North West London Foundation NHS Trust (CNWL), and North West London Clinical Commissioning Group. It also met with representatives of Healthwatch Central West London.
- 3.4 As part of the evidence-gathering, the working group was keen to hear directly from people in North Kensington as well as from local community and voluntary groups. To engage residents and community organisations the working group set up a call for evidence in which it invited responses to the key issues about mental health services. Working group members also met with representatives of community organisations at a virtual roundtable to understand their perspectives about mental health services and provision for the communities of North Kensington.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

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**Background papers used in the preparation of this report:** None other than previously published documents.

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