

Lifetimes Briefing notes from the 28 June 2011 meeting of the

Wandsworth Local Strategic Partnership

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New Leadership

Councillor Ravi Govindia has become the new Leader of Wandsworth Council and Chair of the LSP, succeeding Edward Lister. Cllr Govindia stated that his leadership would entail continued cooperation with members of the LSP, and that he also wished to make closer connections with the wider population of Wandsworth.

The new Leader of the Opposition, Rex Osborne, also introduced himself, as did the new Deputy Leader Cllr Jonathan Cooke.

Health update

Graham McKenzie is the new Managing Director for Health in Wandsworth. He talked about the Government's listening exercise and stated that the main features of the reform were going ahead largely unchanged. In Wandsworth, there will be 1 consortium with 3 commissioning areas.

An application to hand over responsibility for commissioning to Wandsworth's new Clinical Commissioning Board by Oct 2011 has been submitted to the Board of the Primary Care Trust. The application will be considered by the PCT in July.

Wandsworth GPs are due to elect their leader (internal election) and the results will be announced in mid-July.

Rev. McKinney (Roehampton Partnership) raised a question about what interaction between patients and the system would look like with particular reference to Roehampton and Queen Mary's Hospital.

Graham McKenzie responded that Queen Mary's Hospital now had a number of providers, including St George's Hospital and the Mental Health Trust. It remains a PCT owned hospital.

Jenny Weinstein (LINK) highlighted that a number of small grants had recently been distributed to community groups and that the outcomes from those pieces of work along with the findings from the Public Patient Involvement conference in May would form the basis for a new PPI strategy.

Community Budgets

Liz Reese (WBC, Policy Unit) summarised the Council's work on a new initiative called Community Budgets. The initiative pools budgets from different departments to enable a holistic approach to working with families with complex needs. The idea is to avoid a situation where families have to deal with multiple departments and organisations to access support for different things (e.g. mental health needs, benefits, housing, joblessness etc). The total budget for the project will be £800k (commencing in September). Kingston University will evaluate the project.

Future operation of the LSP

At the previous meeting it was decided that the LSP should continue to meet although the government has removed the requirement for Local Areas to have LSPs. The monitoring targets associated with LSPs have also been discontinued. Partners around the table feel it is important to continue having a dialogue and to promote closer collaboration, but there is also some confusion as to what the remit of the LSP should be going forward.

It was decided at the previous meeting to hold a summit style LSP meeting in the autumn that would be used to plan the work of the partnership for the year ahead and also to enable a wider range of partners to participate. A paper was presented with a suggested theme for such a summit, but members of the LSP suggested that the summit be guided by the outcomes of the Residents' Survey that is being carried out by the Council during the summer.

Lifetimes has (outside the LSP meeting) suggested to the Chief Executive that the Residents' Survey might benefit from including an open ended question to residents asking them to define the primary needs in their community as they perceive them.

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