

Health & Wellbeing Board

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The last Health & Wellbeing Board was held on MS Teams on Wednesday 2nd December. You can find the agenda and papers by following this link:

<http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=463&MIId=7036>

Covid-19

A useful and informative update and discussion on the Covid-19 crisis was presented by Linda Jackson, the Covid-19 Lead for LBHF. It was great to hear that tests are now available to allow visitors to visit residents in care homes – a very welcome development, and our thanks to the council, CCG and GP partners who have helped achieve this.

Vaccination programmes

The council is working with the CCG to plan the rolling out of Covid-19 vaccinations as they become available. The meeting also discussed the Winter Flu Vaccination Programme. Hammersmith & Fulham has a very low take up of flu vaccinations, and our health partners are working hard to increase the numbers of people taking up the offer of the vaccine. The reasons why people decline the flu jab are varied, and there still exist a number of myths and misconceptions about the flu jab. We've put together information from the BBC and the Government, which addresses some of the more common myths here: [Busting The Myths about Flu Vaccine](#)

A further update on the vaccination programmes will be reported to the Health, Inclusion and Social Care Policy & Accountability Committee early in the New Year. You can find agenda and reports of this committee here:

<http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=488>

Development of the North West London Clinical Commissioning Group

As you may already know, the eight NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in North West London have agreed to merge into a single CCG. The eight CCGs are: Brent, Central London, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and West London.

An update on the merger of local CCGs into the North West London CCG was presented. The new body will go live in April 2021. The organisations have been working on appointing staff to key positions, including electing a new governing body, which will be voted on in January.

Integrated Care System, and Integrated Care Partnership

Many of you will have heard the acronyms ICP and ICS spoken of. Both are involved in developing better integration across health and social care services:

- Integrated Care Partnership (ICP): is an alliance of NHS and social care and community providers, who commit to collaborate rather than compete. They help identify local health and wellbeing issues, themes and priorities, and develop local plans to address these. The ICP reports to the ICS. The ICP Board is chaired by Lisa Redfern, the Director of Social Care in Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and includes all health partners and lay members. Sobus is also a member of the Board and the ICP Programme Delivery Group.

- Integrated Care System (ICS): is the lead body for planning and commissioning care services for the population and overseeing the leadership of the system across all providers, commissioners and local authorities in its area.

The ICP has been going through a refresh/reset process, and will hold a workshop in early 2021 to confirm local priorities for the coming year. It will be important to clarify how the ICP and ICS will work together, and the ICP is committed to ensuring that ICS priorities are informed from a *local* level.

Dementia:

An interesting report and presentation from the Dementia Task Group was received. The number of people with dementia in the borough are expected to rise quite significantly – as will the cost of providing the support they need. The Task Group are gathering data, and aim to establish Hammersmith & Fulham as a Dementia Friendly Community by 2022.

One of the things individuals and organisations can do to help support and promote Dementia Awareness in the borough, is to sign up to Dementia Friends. Dementia Friends provides a wide range of useful resources, tips and information for yourself and your organisation. <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>

Food Plan

The meeting had an update on the borough's Food Plan, which is seeking to set out how it will ensure that local residents have access to healthy, nutritious food, and to address food poverty and hunger for all residents.