



Health and Wellbeing Board – supplementary agenda

Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 7.00 pm
Boardrooms 5-6 - Brent Civic Centre

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 Brent	 NHS Brent <i>Clinical Commissioning Group</i>
Brent Health and Wellbeing Board 22 March 2016	
Report from the Head of Policy and Scrutiny	
Wards affected: ALL	
Request from Brent Patient Voice for representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board	

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for members of the Health and Well-being Board to consider a request from Brent Patient Voice to be represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board as a co-opted member. A copy of this request is attached at Appendix A.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to decline this request on the basis that the views of residents and patients are represented through the statutory board membership of Healthwatch Brent.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has received a request from Brent Patient Voice (BPV) to consider co-opting a member of their organisation to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Brent Patient Voice is a recently established organisation. Their aim is to bring together individuals and patient groups interested in local health care services, with the intention of representing their views and facilitating dialogue with health service commissioners and providers to influence the planning and delivery of local health services.
- 3.2 BPV is an un-incorporated voluntary body. Its membership is composed of individuals and voluntary groups working in the social care and health field. It also encourages membership from practice based locality Patient Participation Groups.

The organisation is managed by means of a steering group elected by its members. BPV was formed following a number of structural changes to the constitutional arrangements for public engagement made by Brent Clinical Commissioning Group. These constitutional changes were implemented following the recommendations of an independent review of the CCG's public engagement procedures.

- 3.3 The statutory membership of Health and Wellbeing Boards is set out within the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Act recognises the importance of considering the views and opinions of patients and residents in the work of Health and Wellbeing Boards. The Act requires that each area's local Healthwatch are full members of the HWBB as part of the minimum membership. The legislation also provides flexibility in the membership above the minimum membership of the board to reflect local circumstances if required. The guidance also recognises that HWBBs will want to engage with a range of stakeholders, residents and patients outside of board meetings who are not formal members of the committee.
- 3.4 Healthwatch Brent is a member of the HWBB as the statutory organisation responsible for the representation of local patient and residents views on health service provision. Healthwatch Brent is commissioned by the Council to provide these functions which are governed by the national framework and guidance provided by Healthwatch England. The framework and guidance stipulates the requirements for representativeness and inclusivity which all local Healthwatch organisations should achieve.
- 3.5 As the commissioner of Healthwatch Brent, the council receives quarterly data on their public consultation activities, research into local needs and details of their membership. This ensures that the data collected on the views, needs and experiences of local health service users is robust, representative and has been informed by a range of evidence sources. Healthwatch has access to best practice advice and support from the national network of Healthwatch organisations and from Healthwatch England. Brent Patient Voice is an individually constituted voluntary organisation and is outside this statutory framework. There are many valuable voluntary groups providing a voice for local health service users and representing the interests of specific client groups. The HWBB welcomes and supports the work that they undertake and Healthwatch Brent regularly consults with these organisations as part of their role in representing patients views to the HWBB.
- 3.6 On this basis it is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board do not endorse the request for Brent Patient Voice to be a co-opted member of the Board. The work of the Health and Wellbeing Board is not confined to formal meetings and would encourage all local voluntary groups to participate in consultations and workshops as a means of informing the future direction of health provision locally and the decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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Dear Councillor Butt

The Brent Health and Wellbeing Board: request for co-opted status

It was good to talk with you at Queen's Park Day recently about health policy matters generally, including our interest in asking the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider co-opting a representative from Brent Patient Voice to the Board.

We are recently constituted as a body, but members of our Steering Group have a depth of experience which relates to the work of the Board, as well as an enthusiasm to see it working effectively for the people of Brent. We note that the Department of Health's "A short guide to health and wellbeing boards" of 28 February 2012 says "Local boards will be free to expand their membership to include a wide range of perspectives and expertise, such as representatives from the charity or voluntary sectors".

In relation to the functions of the Board as set out on the Brent website:

- We strongly support the JSNA and an evidence-based approach to policy which reflects the needs of Brent's population and have experience of social policy formulation at high level;
- We also support the existing Health and Wellbeing Strategy on the basis that prevention is better than cure both for individuals and for the public purse: we would like to see a higher profile for the Strategy in the Borough;
- We support the need for integrated working across health and social care and consider this to be one of the biggest current challenges faced by the Council and the CCG.

We have extensive experience of working with the CCG and addressing issues in depth with their officers. You will know that we submitted a substantial piece of evidence to the Mansfield Commission, following which we have been in constructive dialogue with the Shaping a Healthier Future team under Rob Larkman. Some of our achievements and current concerns, as well as short biographies of Steering Group members, can be found on our website : www.bpv.org.uk . We can supply any further information that may be required.

If the Board is agreeable to co-opting a BPV representative, then I would be the lead person with my colleague, Irwin Van Colle, as the alternate.

We hope you and your colleagues will give our proposal serious consideration.

Kind regards

Robin Sharp CB
Interim Chair Brent Patient Voice

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