



Full Council
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**Report from the Director of
Performance Policy & Partnerships**

**Report from the Chair of the Community and Wellbeing
Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Ketan Sheth**

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	1
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Summary

This report provides a summary of the activities carried out by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Standing Order 36. The report covers the period from 19 September 2017 and details the committee's work programme, visits and engagement, committee discussions and training.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The remit of the committee as set out in the constitution is the overview and scrutiny of children's services, adult social care, public health, health services and the NHS, wellbeing and cultural services. There are eight elected members on the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. All committee members are part of the Labour group apart from the vice-chair who is from the Brent Conservative group. The membership of the committee for 2017/18 is:

Cllr Ketan Sheth, Chair
Cllr Reg Colwill, Vice-Chair
Cllr Ahmad Shahzad OBE

Cllr Lesley Jones MBE
Cllr Claudia Hector
Cllr Neil Nerva
Cllr Aisha Hoda-Benn
Cllr Rita Conneely.

- 3.2 In addition, the committee has six co-opted members, representing the Anglican diocese, Roman Catholic diocese, governors of primary schools, governors of secondary schools, Muslim faith schools and Jewish faith schools. They have been co-opted for the purposes of school education. Members of the committee have now finalised their annual work programme for 2017-18, which is set out in Appendix A. The work programme has built-in capacity to ensure there is the flexibility to respond to issues as they arise and which residents may suggest.
- 3.3 As part of the 2017/18 Work Programme members are committed to engagement with residents as part of the committee's work. In October as part of European Local Democracy Week, Councillor Sheth ran a scrutiny café to allow members of the public to suggest areas which the committee should be looking at. He also took part in a live radio interview on K2K radio station, which is based in South Kilburn, to highlight the role of the committee. Councillor Sheth also attended a meeting of Brent Youth Parliament (BYP) in November and gave a presentation about the work of the committee focusing on young people's issues, and how BYP members can be involved. He highlighted forthcoming items at committee which will affect young people's lives.
- 3.4 Since the last chair's report, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has met twice. The committee received on 19 September a report about the Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report. The annual report was presented by the Independent Chair Mike Howard. He highlighted two areas of work – the quantity and the quality of safeguarding. In relation to the first, he mentioned performance data received from various partners all of which contributed to safeguarding in Brent and he said that he was pleased that it had been possible to employ a Data Analyst until the end of the next financial year. In the second area, the way the Section 11 Audit was carried out had changed – employees of organisations which sat on the Board were required to complete a questionnaire which measured their level of knowledge of safeguarding and allowed their managers to identify areas of concern where action had to be taken. Members questioned the results of the Section 11 Audit. A member of the committee also enquired about the level of confidence that children at risk were protected. The Independent Chair said that he was confident about safeguarding based on the work carried out by the Brent Family Front Door (BFFD) which processed all referrals and had good relationships with key partners such as the police, housing and health providers.
- 3.5 The meeting also received the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report, which was presented by the Independent Chair Michael Preston-Shoot. He said that in 2016-2017 the Safeguarding Adults Team (SAT) had received 1,712 concerns compared to 1,678 referrals made in 2015-2016, and 628 concerns had been investigated and completed as S42 enquiries. The committee heard that there had been a protocol to work effectively with adults who self-neglected themselves. In addition, the Board would turn its attention to standards in care homes because

more safeguarding adult reviews had been commissioned at national level in relation to abuse in the latter, although no specific problems had been identified in Brent. Measures had been taken to increase the engagement of user groups and they had been allowed to address the Board. However, progress had been slower than expected and there had not been representation from a service user group. In addition, Professor Preston-Shoot emphasised that resourcing the SAB had to be examined in detail and engagement of various partners had to be monitored going forward.

- 3.6 There was a separate report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Doctor Sarah Basham, Co-Clinical Director at Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), introduced the report which outlined Brent CCG's work on identifying cases of FGM in the borough. A member of the committee enquired about the Department of Health's prevention programme and the Committee heard that the Department's data provided information about the prevalence of FGM as it extracted data from the locations where FGM had been reported, which allowed the identification of hotspots. Doctor Arlene Boroda, Designated Director for Unexpected Child Deaths at Brent CCG, explained that work around FGM had been ongoing for a long period of time. She said that in addition to mandatory reporting, Brent CCG was trying to eradicate the practice by working with partners across the health economy, the Police, and the voluntary sector. In relation to support for women who had undergone FGM, Dr Boroda noted that a range of practitioners provided services to victims and a number of local hospitals had specialised clinics which had good reputations. When a referral was made, all concerns were taken into account and mental and physical assessments were carried out so clinicians could determine the individual's health needs.
- 3.7 On 22 November, committee received a report about the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Statement of Action. The report was jointly presented by the Strategic Director for Children and Young People and the Chief Operating Officer of Brent CCG. Its focus was the Statement of Action arising from the Local Area inspection of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Brent CCG noted that one of the biggest weaknesses identified by the inspection had been the fragmented approach to joint commissioning which had caused gaps in services. Ways to integrate health and Local Authority commissioning had been examined and work had begun on all actions included in the Written Statement of Action. The Strategic Director said that the inspection report had been complimentary of the relationship between the Local Authority and schools in the area, which demonstrated the strong link between education and health outcomes. She said that although connectivity between the Local Authority and the CCG in terms of commissioning was good, there had been cases where services had been commissioned separately and had, sometimes, been delivered by the same organisation. The Committee focused its attention on the recruitment and the work of therapists.
- 3.8 The committee also had a report about the Care Leavers Local Offer. The report informed the committee about the effectiveness of current services for care leavers and the implications of recent legislative changes introduced by the Children and Social Work Act in April 2017. One of the key changes was that the duty and responsibility to all care leavers was extended to the age of 25, regardless of their

education and employment status. Officers said that although the precise budget implications of the new local offer had not been clear yet, there was a need for demographic growth to be built in so a new cohort of teenagers, currently growing up, could be accounted for.

- 3.9 On 6 December 2017 a special committee was held to review Brent Clinical Commissioning Group's proposals to change the GP extended access service next year. The proposals were presented by the interim Chief Operating Officer of the CCG and other officers. Members of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee made four recommendations after listening to the presentation and scrutinising the proposals. Three recommendations highlighting the transition arrangements for unregistered patients, disability access and communications were made to the CCG. In addition, one recommendation around the issue of patients and online booking for the extended access service was made to NHS England by members.
- 3.10 A task group set up by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to review the commissioning of home care in the borough is completing its report and will present the finished report with recommendations to committee on 31 January. The members of the task group have looked at the present home care commissioning arrangements and discussed with officers and the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing what challenges the present system is facing.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 Non-executive members are regularly involved in overview and scrutiny.

Report sign off:

Peter Gadsdon

Director of Policy Performance and Partnerships

APPENDIX A: Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017-18

Wednesday 19 July 2017

Agenda Rank	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Sustainability and Transformation Plan - Update	Cabinet member to update scrutiny on recommendations made on 20 September 2016	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Cabinet member to update
2.	Task Group report Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	To discuss and agree task recommendations made by the task group	Cllr Ahmad Shahzad Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Duncan Ambrose, Assistant Director, CCG
3.	Primary Care Transformation	Review implications of primary care transformation for Brent	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Sarah McDonnell, Assistant Director for Primary Care, Brent CCG
**4.	Children's oral health	Review of work being done to improve children's oral health in Brent.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Dr Melanie Smith Director of Public Health Jeremy Wallman/Kelly Nizzer, NHS England. Claire Robertson, Public Health England

*Items involving school education. ** Items which may involve partnership work with schools.

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board	Receive 2016-17 annual report. Review last year's recommendations by committee	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Michael Preston-Shoot, Chair BASB
**2.	Brent Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Receive 2016-17 annual report. Review last year's recommendations by committee	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Mike Howard, Independent Chair, BLSCB
3.	FGM in Brent	Review the identification of FGM in the borough and the implications for health policy-makers, the local authority and other agencies and organisations in Brent.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Brent CCG
4.	Home Care: Commissioning and the Market in Brent	Agree task group scoping paper	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care

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Wednesday 22 November 2017

Agenda	Item	Details	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.*	Brent Local Area SEND Inspection	Assess the action plan in place as a result of CQC-Ofsted local area inspection and how improvements will be implemented by the local authority and Brent CCG.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG
2.**	Local Offer for Care Leavers	Review the effectiveness of existing Local Offer for care leavers and any changes resulting from new policy or legislation.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People

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Wednesday 6 December 2017 Special Scrutiny Meeting

Agenda	Item	Details	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	GP access	To review the CCG's proposals for changes to GP access.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Sarah McDonnell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG

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Wednesday 31 January 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	2016/17 Complaints Report	Review complaints for adult social care, children's services, cultural services.	Cllr Margaret McLennan, Deputy Leader	Peter Gadsdon, Director Performance Policy and Partnerships Irene Bremang, Head of Performance and Improvement
2.	PLACE scores	Evaluate why certain PLACE scores for hospitals in the Trust have been below average, what action plan has been put in place and what improvements were made.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	North West London NHS Healthcare Trust

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Wednesday 28 February 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Learning Disabilities	Evaluate effectiveness and efficiency of learning disability service joint commissioning and market development. Assess to what extent changes will support independence and independent living.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care
2.	Childhood obesity	Evaluate Brent's effectiveness in reducing rates of childhood obesity	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Dr Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG
3.	TB: Prevalence in Brent VERBAL UPDATE	Evaluate how effectively different agencies are working together to address TB. Understand what the challenges are around diagnosis and treatment of new TB cases.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Dr Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG
4.	Home Care: Commissioning and the Market in Brent	Agree task group report and recommendations	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care

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Wednesday 28 March 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
*1.	School Annual Standards and Achievement report	Receive report and review progress with school standards. Evaluate committee's recommendations on school standards made in March 2017.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
*2.	Signs of Safety	Review progress with implementation and reporting back on task group's recommendations agreed February 2017.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People

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