

Chair's Report

Purpose

1. This report sets out public activities carried out by the Chair since the last Board meeting, and comments on aspects of the local health and care system.

Key issues

1. Appendix 1 lists the Chair's external meetings from 1 May to 31 June 2020. Directors representative activities are maintained in a strategic engagement log. I am very grateful for the role of directors in the continued success of the Healthwatch Forums in particular, now meeting online, and for maintaining links with organisations and working groups as best we can.
2. Council Committees have been accessible to the public online during this period. Provider NHS trust boards are yet to restart in public, and local authorities are not yet holding the NHS to account through their Health Committees until current pressures reduce.
3. As the national lockdown eases for all but the most clinically vulnerable, preparations are in place to control any outbreaks of Covid-19 locally. Healthwatch continues to have a role to support recovery, community engagement and communications, described in paragraphs 5-11.

Action required by the Board

4. The Board is asked to:
 - Note the report.

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Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Outbreak Control Plan

5. The Local Outbreak Control Plan¹ describes the approach Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are adopting to help control and contain coronavirus. The Plan has two main aims of prevention, and surveillance and response. The latter includes the NHS Test and Trace model.
6. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health Protection Board is leading this work. It is supported by the local authority public health function, working in partnership with Public Health England Health Protection Team and the Local Resilience Forum and Strategic Coordination Group.
7. A multiagency Public Health and Prevention Local Resilience sub-group includes our Chief Executive. Its focus is on inequalities, prevention and screening, health behaviours, mental health and housing.
8. An elected member-led Board will lead on engagement. Its' role is to provide political ownership and public engagement, and reassurance on local outbreak control plans and their implementation across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Healthwatch Chair is part of this Board, meeting online in public on 11th July.

Tell us about your care during Covid-19

9. It has been a notable achievement by the team to both launch and brief on our Healthwatch survey of people's experiences. The survey is ongoing and covers health services, care and community support. Briefings 2 and 3 will follow before the final full report in early autumn.
10. Publishing the first briefing now will maximise the opportunity to share findings with our partners, who were stakeholders in setting the questions. The team will seek further participation from the public as the crisis unfolds, capturing the themes of their experiences as they emerge over time. Sharing our findings with Healthwatch England will support the national understanding too.
11. I would like to thank everyone involved in the survey project and its promotion - a significant contribution to engagement during this time of extraordinary challenge and change in public services.

¹ <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/healthcare/public-health/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace#local-outbreak-control-plan-7-0>

Appendix 1 - External meetings attended by the Chair 1st May to 31st June 2020

Meeting	Purpose	Date
C&PCCG Ethics Committee	Member	2/5
Russell Wate, Independent Chair and Joanne Proctor, Head of Safeguarding for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Sharing concerns	7/5
Regional Healthwatch Meeting	Participant	7/5
C&PCCG Ethics Committee	Member	9/5
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough planning meeting	Independent Chair	14/5
C&PCCG Ethics Committee	Member	16/5
C&PCCG Ethics Committee	Member	30/5
Joint Prescribing Committee	Lay member	4/6
Mike More, Chair CUH/STP and Julian Huppert, C&PCCG Lay Member	STP update	8/6
Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health	Covid-19 update	8/6
Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Director of Communities	One to one	9/6
C&PCCG Ethics Committee	Member	13/6
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough planning meeting	Independent Chair	18/6
C&PCCG Governing Body meeting	Observer	23/6
C&PCCG Ethics Committee	Member	27/6

Plus

Healthwatch Board in public (13/5), Board Development (10/6),
 Board and senior team COVID-19 topic discussion on mental health (4/5)
 Chair/director one to one meeting x 2
 Management team meetings/ survey planning x 7