



Welcome to our second statutory year as a Board!

In this edition of my Chair's Report I discuss the Care Act receiving Royal Assent and update the Board on the Better Care Fund and the progress of Care City. I also congratulate the CCG on their success in the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund as well as Matthew Hopkins on his appointment as Chief Executive at BHRUT. I would welcome Board Members to comment on any item covered should they wish to do so.

Best wishes,

Cllr Maureen Worby, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Care Act

The Care Bill went through its final stages of the parliamentary process and on 14 May 2014 it was given Royal Assent. We are now waiting for the consultation on the draft regulations and guidance to begin.

For an overview of the Act please see [Norman Lamb's ministerial statement](#) which followed Royal Assent. As Members of the Board will remember, the majority of the Care Act will come into force in April 2015 which is a very challenging timetable for such major reform. The Board will be receiving a report at the July meeting which summarises the Act, unpicks the detail in the secondary legislation, and explains in depth the local approach to implementing the Act's provisions. As discussed at previous Health and Wellbeing Board meetings, the Act also has provisions that have implications for partner organisations, and this will also be discussed in the July report.

For the moment the Board are reminded that Anne Bristow has set up an adult social care reform programme which has within it six workstreams to deliver the various elements of the Care Act. The Programme Board has been meeting since November 2013 and has now reached the point where the implementation programme will 'move up a gear', particularly now that the regulations will be imminently published.

Prime Minister's Challenge Fund

In the March Chair's Report I discussed the bid that BHR CCGs put into the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund, supported by myself and the other Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs in Havering and Redbridge. I am delighted to report that the joint application to the Challenge Fund was successful and that BHR CCGs have been awarded £5.6M to implement their plans, which focus on two strands of work:

- **Improved Access** - for patients through better access to appointments within and outside of core hours, with a simpler point of entry. This will include more urgent week day appointments between 6.30pm and 10pm, with extra urgent appointments at the weekend – all in addition to normal GP opening hours
- **Complex Care** - focussing on complex patients with increased need for specialist skills. Local GPs will support people with complex health problems with a dedicated team of clinicians including a GP, practice nurse and consultant.

I will look forward to the Board receiving updates on the progress of these important changes to primary care services over the coming months.

New Chief Executive at BHRUT

In the last Chair's Report I discussed the new appointment of Steve Russell as the Improvement Director at BHRUT as well as Dr Maureen Dalziel's appointment as interim Chair.

I would now like to welcome Matthew Hopkins as the new Chief Executive at BHRUT following his appointment in April 2014. Prior to this, Matthew was the Chief Executive of Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust for three years and has also worked at a number of other London teaching hospitals. I hope that the Board joins me in wishing Matthew success in this challenging role.



Board Members can follow Matthew on Twitter @M_J_Hopkins.

Carers' Strategy

The Borough's current Carers' Strategy is due to draw to a close in 2015 having been in existence since it was adopted in 2011. It is felt that the current Strategy is out of date as it doesn't take into account developments such as those relating to the Care Bill, Better Care and progress towards improved integration between health and social care. We also know that carers have a significant impact upon demand for health and social care, notably upon emergency admissions, and are integral to helping people to remain healthy and independent for as long as possible. Supporting the health and wellbeing of carers is therefore essential and should also be reflected in our Borough-wide strategy.

We have therefore sought to engage with an expert partner – Carers UK – to develop and refresh our Carers' Strategy. Carers UK have achieved positive outcomes in other areas of the country and will be undertaking engagement with carers, voluntary organisations and staff, as well as other stakeholders to review and renew the Strategy. They will also be drawing upon national best practice and outcomes to determine local priorities and needs, and will look at the engagement and effectiveness of current services in order to make recommendations of ways in which commissioners in the Borough can make best use of their resources for the benefit of carers in Barking and Dagenham. I will look forward to following the refresh of the Strategy over the next few months and receiving updates to the Board in due course.

CCG Board Appointments

I wanted to alert Board Members to the results of the CCG Governing Body election which was held recently. From 1 April 2014, the following Clinical Directors will form the Governing Body:

Dr Arun Sharma

Dr Ravaili Goriparthi

Dr Ramneek Hara

Dr Jagan John

Dr Gurkirit Kalkat

Dr Chandra Mohan

Dr Waseem Mohi

Dr Mohi and Dr John will remain as the Clinical Director representatives at the Health and Wellbeing Board. For more information about the Governing Body, please contact Anne-Marie Keliris, Company Secretary by emailing

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Mapping Health and Wellbeing Board priorities

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board may be interested in a new interactive map highlighting the priorities of all Health and Wellbeing Boards across England. By selecting a theme, for example smoking or healthy living, the map highlights all areas citing it as one of their health and wellbeing priorities.



You can also select a single area on the map and view a summary of the local priorities, access links to the local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, view data reports produced through LG Inform and LG Inform Plus highlighting measures of health and wellbeing for the area and also see the latest Health Profile for the area produced by Public Health England.

The interactive map can be found by visiting:

http://www.local.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-boards/-/journal_content/56/10180/6111055/ARTICLE

Better Care Fund Update

I wanted to ensure that I gave Members of the Board an update on our Better Care Fund Plan, particularly following recent media coverage. Following positive feedback from NHS England we have developed a detailed stakeholder engagement plan and detailed implementation plans for each of the 11 schemes within our Better Care Fund plan with work commencing to deliver each of the schemes from June. Oversight of progress is maintained through the Integrated Care sub-group, with monthly updates provided. We have identified the likely impact upon the hospital trust and the required reductions in emergency admissions and have worked closely with the hospital to ensure alignment with both their improvement plan and the steps to implement the new Joint Assessment and Discharge Service. We are linked into NHS England, the Local Government Association and London Councils to ensure that we can make ready use of emerging best practice and guidance in our delivery of the required changes to services.

Regular updates will be brought to the Board over the coming months, including a report to the Board in September.

Current Status of Care City

The Care City programme is continuing to gather momentum and to date has attracted over £2.5 million worth of investment. This includes a £1.8million NELFT contribution for the purchase of an interim show home for care city.

The search for a new interim site has resumed following news that we were not able to secure the initial preferred option. However, this turn of events has presented us with an opportunity to increase our ambition - to seek a space which will also support us to accommodate our growing number of researchers.

We are currently exploring a number of Barking sites. We continue to work towards developing the Care City Business Plan by July which will determine the next phase of the programme. A paper detailing the proposed governance of Care City will also be presented to Cabinet and the Health and Wellbeing Board in July.