CHAIRS REPORT PART 1

**HW in Greater Manchester**

NCA Partnership

I had previously reported on the cancellation of the NCA Partnership Board meeting with Healthwatches. I wrote to our NCA contact on behalf of all four Healthwatches on 3rd November about the delay as follows: “ *I think the concern is twofold: the particular issues being raised in the CQC letter of 23rd September to Dr Williams around the CQC inspection of the Trust and in any case the principle that we should meet regularly which I'd raised with the Trust previously.”*

I attach a screenshot of the letter which identifies a series of concerns which I expect to feature in the forthcoming CQC report for the NCA.

I have received an apology for the delay, a commitment to restart the Partnership Board meetings and a commitment to discuss the CQC inspection at the next meeting. The meeting date has not yet been agreed.

**Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust**

Following on from the revelations about the Edenfield Centre mental health care [facility on Panorama](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-63045298) the GM Mental Health Trust has been placed in special measures by NHS England who will provide “intensive support” which is the highest level of intervention available.

The Chair of HW in Greater Manchester did write to the Chief Executive of the Trust but has not received a reply. She will have written again by the time of our meeting.

I will attend, on Sam’s behalf, the GM Mental Health Partnership Board on Tuesday and will report back at the meeting. I am aware of the Board AGM on Monday next week and have booked to attend (but will review this in light of Tuesdays meeting and our Board discussion).

**Healthwatch in Greater Manchester**

There continues to be progress, albeit it glacial, with the request for funding and recognition with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System. There will be a presentation to the Integrated Care Board on 21st December, and attendance at the Quality and Performance committee on 22nd December. The next HW in GM meeting will be in person on 27th January.

**Alex Leach**

I’m pleased that Alex has decided to rejoin the Healthwatch family as Manager of Healthwatch Tameside. When I have contact details I will wish him all the best.

**Meetings**

Sam and I continue to hold regular 121 meetings – 16th September, 7th October, 4th and 25th November

North West Healthwatch – 30th September

HW in Greater Manchester – 30th September, 27th October and 25th November

HW England Chairs and Board Members meeting – 3rd October

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 2nd November (apologies for 5th October)

Vice Chair Interview – 21st November

Finance Committee – 26th October

Quarter 2 Performance meeting with Salford CC – 3rd November

Vice Chair catch up - 28th November

Upcoming meetings:

Greater Manchester Mental Health meeting with HWs – 6th December

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 7th December

Salford University Trustee recruitment – 26th January

North West Healthwatch – 27th January

HW in Greater Manchester – 27th January

Business Planning Day - 30th January

**Interim report**

I also issued an interim report which is attached to this report.

Phil Morgan

5th December