

Chair Report September 2022

Healthwatch in Greater Manchester

The good news is that there is a growing body of papers supporting our ability to engage at a Greater Manchester level. These include the following:

- Greater Manchester All-Age Strategy (full version and single page)
- Case for Support,
- a draft Partnership Agreement and
- a job description for a Chief Officer equivalent role

Progress is being made with our case for funding, although this continues to be protracted. There is also a meeting on 19th October with HW in GM reps (including Sam) with Louise Ansari (new HW England Chief Executive) and Sir Robert Francis (HW England Chair) which Warren Heppollette from the ICS will join.

I've now relinquished my role on the Greater Manchester Population Health Delivery Board and handed over to my counterpart in HW Bury, Ruth Passman.

Locality arrangements

One of the issues raised by Salford CC is where funding is held by the new ICS, but the delivery and responsibility rest with the Local Authority. This raises issues of accountability. We in turn have raised within HW in Greater Manchester.

Locally Salford have appointed Tom Stannard, Salford CC Chief Executive, as Place Lead, and Hannah Dobrowolska as Delivery Lead. Hannah was previously the CCG Director of Corporate Services. The initial meeting of the Locality Board, which Sam will attend, was cancelled. We currently have 'regular attender' status, which means we attend all meetings but are not formally part of the decision-making function of the Board (which allows us to criticise and challenge decisions of the Board).

Meetings

Phil and Sam 121's 19th July, 3rd August and 18th August

Healthwatch in Greater Manchester 27th July

Quarterly meeting with Commissioner 11th August (dates have been agreed for the rest of the year)

Finance Committee 19th August

Salford Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel 7th September

Sam and I raised the issue of number of meetings attended with Salford CC with our Commissioners. We now have a changed and somewhat reduced list of regular meetings.

Forthcoming meetings

Northern Care Alliance Partnership Board 15th September (cancelled)

North West Regional Healthwatch 30th September

Healthwatch in Greater Manchester 30th September and 27th October
Salford Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel 5th October* and 2nd November
Quarterly meeting with Commissioner 20th October

*may have a clash

Board Resignation and Recruitment

As the Board are aware Jackie Leigh submitted her resignation as Board Member and Vice Chair. This is due to pressures with her new role at Edge Hill University. We thank her for her considerable effort in the past few years and wish her all the best for the future. Thank you to Sam for sending round flowers on our behalf.

Sam and I met with Yen Siang Tan to discuss Board membership. Hopefully she will be joining us for the Part 1 meeting today and the Board will consider her application in Part 2. We will consider further Board member recruitment.

Appraisals

To note that the appraisals, including my own, have been completed. I'll report on this at our AGM and share that these have been held with our Commissioner. These have been running in parallel with the work I have been carrying out with other Healthwatches on appraisals and benefitted from that work (and visa versa). Thanks to all for their involvement, including feedback on the approach taken.

Northern Care Alliance

To note the appointment of Professor Eileen Fairhurst as the new Chair of the Northern Care Alliance. Eileen is currently Professor in Public Health at Salford University. Our contact, Andrew Lynn, Group Director of Communications and External Affairs has left to join the new GM ICS supporting the GM Provider Federation Board. He was instrumental in resurrecting the Partnership Boards which Healthwatch's attend. I've emailed him thanking him for his support. Interestingly the next meeting (see above) has been cancelled.

Other

I've volunteered to be part of the Enter and View team.

Phil Morgan
7th September 2022