

Date of Meeting:	Thursday 20 th January 2022
Agenda Item:	Chairs Report
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Aim of Paper:	For your information

Board Required Action
1. Approval/Decision
2. Discussion
3. For your information



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Chairs report

COVID

Just to note the continued impact of COVID on health and social care provision within Salford, and on our work as a Healthwatch.

GM Integrated Care System

This continues to be a dominant issue for all HWs despite the delay in starting date until 1st July 2022.

In line with all Integrated Care Boards (ICB) there was a consultation on the ICB constitution and membership. Following engagement with our colleagues HWs in GM and HW England I wrote on 19th November on behalf of all HWs in GM seeking a non-voting participating place on the ICB. We have a similar position on the Salford Locality Board.

I've already shared the letter with Board members, which is being used to support other HWs seeking places on their ICB. I did, after pressing, receive an acknowledgement on 16th December and expect a fuller reply soon following a meeting of the Board to discuss feedback from the consultation.

Other HWs are reporting a somewhat mixed picture on places on their ICB. Some have achieved non-voting participant status, others have not, and the remainder are awaiting decisions. It will be important to identify the lead Board Member for patient voice as well as seeking other routes to input Healthwatch views on patient and public voice.

Tracy McErlain-Burns has been appointed as Chair of HW in GM until the ICS is fully set up to provide continuity. She has led on both the 'ask' to HW England on resources for HW in GM, and the parallel discussions with AQUA, about fulfilling a support role funded by Healthwatch England (HWE). This has resulted in discussions with Healthwatches including Alex and myself. The intention is to complete discussions on our joint strategy and approach by 31st March. I expect this will be discussed by the Board at our March meeting.

I continue to be involved with the Leadership and Decision-Making Group within HW in GM.

Nationally HWE have reported on the still live issue of whether HWs will be centrally funded for their ICS role. They also expect collaboration of HWs within ICSs to feature in future commissioning of HWs. They have produced the first toolkit to help with HWs working together with each other and ICBs (with further toolkits to follow). Finally they will provide a template for a Memorandum of Understanding for how HWs and ICSs will work together.

Jackie attended a meeting with GM Health and Social Care Partnership on progress with the ICS, COVID and Primary Care, and provided a helpful note.

Other issues



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I've been formally appointed to the Salford CC Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel. Unhelpfully I can't make my first meeting in February but should be fine after that. This remains a holding situation until more Board members are recruited.

Part of the recent NW HW meeting included a presentation by NW Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS). This highlighted the issues faced by the care sector including risk of provider failure, workforce issues with retention and recruitment (which may be made worse by the Social Care Precept) and rationing of care by some Councils. Our role in providing patient insight will be particularly important in the near future.

Healthwatch England have appointed a new Chief Executive, Louise Ansari. They have also begun to identify Long Covid as an issue for Healthwatches to be aware of.

Meetings

23rd November Adult Advisory Board

25th November HW in GM meeting

30th November HW in GM Task Group on Leadership and Decision Making

8th December Catch up with Alex

9th December GM Population Health Board (for HW in GM)

10th December Finance Committee

16th December Northern Care Alliance HW Partnership Board

10th January Catch up with Alex

11th January Healthwatch England Chairs and Board Members session

12th January Healthwatch England ICS Update

14th January Healthwatch North West meeting

17th January Meeting with Helen Kilgannon, AQUA

17th January 'Brew Monday'

Future meetings

27th January Salford CC Liaison meeting (from 11am)

4th February, 25th February, 14th March and 8th April Catch up with Alex

10th February GM Population Health Board

2nd March, 6th April Salford CC Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel



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28th March – 31st March Kings Fund Conference with Healthwatch England (I won't attend it all!)

Phil Morgan, 17th January 2022



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