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HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET ADVISORY GROUP

24 JULY 2020

A meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Advisory Group will be held at **4.00 pm on Friday, 24 July 2020** in the Online Viewing Only.

Membership:

Councillor Whitehead (Chairman); Councillors: Boyd, Duckworth, Garner, Keen, Shrubbs and Wright

AGENDA

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Subject

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 6)
3. **COVID-19**
Group Discussion - Lead Penny Button
 - a. Problems experienced by residents regarding the Shielded List;
 - b. Availability of appointments for non-COVID-19 related medical problems;
 - c. Dentistry provision in the District.
4. **EAST KENT WELLBEING HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP**
Verbal Update - Madeline Homer
5. **THANET HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD**
Verbal Update - Madeline Homer
6. **THANET COVID-19 LOCAL OUTBREAK PLAN**
Verbal Update - Madeline Homer
7. **THE LIMES MEDICAL CENTRE - PROPOSED CLOSURE OF GARLINGE BRANCH SURGERY** (Pages 7 - 8)
Group Discussion - Lead Penny Button
 - a. Consultation letter to patients included in the agenda pack.
8. **FORWARD PLAN**
Autism and ADHD Trial - Long Term Plans Update - Deputy Leader

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Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2020 at 2.00 pm in the Business Suite, 1st Floor, Council Offices.

Present: Councillor Helen Whitehead (Chairman); Councillors Boyd, Farrance, Garner, Gregory, Shrubbs and Wright

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following:

Dr Peshen;
Councillor Parsons, substituted by Councillor Wright.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference were noted.

4. HEALTH & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

Madeline Homer introduced that item and said that The Health & Wellbeing Partnership minutes were meant to provide updates on key activities and topical issues being considered by the Partnership that could be of interest to the CAG and these included the local Special Education Needs (SEN).

In response, Members made comments and asked questions as follows:

- The Partnership had received an update on relation to the New Zealand computer programme called Lightfoot;
- CAG suggested it would be interesting to get a presentation on Lightfoot, a programme used to anonymise patient data that can be used and translated into GP care;
- Barbers and hairdressers were considered as potential points of contact for the elderly, that could be used to assist with identifying early intervention for social care support for the elderly;
- Could a presentation be given to the CAG on what Lightfoot?

Ms Homer indicated that officers would explore whether the Lightfoot demonstration could be brought to the cabinet advisory group.

Members noted the minutes.

5. EAST KENT PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Ms Homer and Ms Penny Button gave the following updates:

- A group of officers had been working on public health projects that included campaigns against smoking at public spaces like school gates and the sale of illegal tobacco;
- Two successful operations against the sale of illegal tobacco were conducted in summer and towards the end of 2019;

- A cross county project on obesity was currently underway;
- Officers were also working on the East Kent health structure, which would see the establishment of an Integrated CCG (integrated care partnership);
- TDC would like to ensure that the council was represented on that proposed body. Madeline Homer was pursuing that issue with Caroline Selkirk
- CEx will report back to the cabinet advisory group.

Members then raised the following points:

- Could the cabinet advisory group look at initiatives that would promote healthy eating like preventing fast foods from being set up within a certain distance from schools;
- It might mean replacing these food outlets with social hubs;
- It could also mean replacing fast foods with healthy eating cafés.

Officers were going to consider the issues raised by Members and report back as some of the suggestions put forward would raise a number of legal questions.

Thereafter, Members noted the report.

6. EAST KENT HEALTH REORGANISATION UPDATE (OPTIONS REPORT)

CEx gave the following updates to Members:

- It was agreed that both options would be forwarded to NHS England for consideration, from which one would be chosen. This would be after conducting some cost benefit analysis on both options;
- TDC expressed some concerns about the impact of Option 2 if it was adopted, particularly with regards to its impact on employment in the area;
- The council needed to keep track of these developments;
- The NHS consultation scheduled to take place in April is a key date for the cabinet advisory group, as the council would need to come up with a response to this consultation.

Members then raised the following points:

- The district would not want to lose the maternity service currently at QEQM Hospital as a result of the changes;
- The council needed to respond to these developments, particularly on the issue regarding a working culture at the QEQM Hospital;
- Closing down services in some hospitals was a centralised model which would prevent other areas from developing;
- Due to the complexities of the demographics of the local community, it was important that consultant services be provided at QEQM Hospital.

The report was noted.

7. EAST KENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

This item was considered in conjunction with minute item 8.

8. DISCUSSION ON SEN

Ms Homer made opening comments as indicated below:

- This issue had been subject to discussion at the Thanet Health & Wellbeing Partnership meetings;

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- Depending on the outcome of the discussion at this meeting, the issue could be subject to further debate by the cabinet advisory group at future meetings.

In response Members made comments as follows:

- The focus should be on getting a coherent picture with KCC on special education needs and children in care (looked after);
- This is in order to address such questions as what support do children with mental health needs who are aged nineteen year and older and are no longer in education get?
- Referrals for both children and adults were taking too long. This was an important issue that required further consideration. How could this be best done? Was this within the remit of the cabinet advisory group?
- Was there more scope for TDC to be more accessible to constituents with mental health needs? This could be through providing front line staff and councillors with awareness training on identifying individuals with such needs in order to improve communication with residents;
- Can the CAG get an update on the Crisis Café at the next meeting?
- It was important for the health service to use appropriate communication and show sensitivity when relating to patients who are already stressed by their conditions;
- It was important that all these concerns be raised with the CCG.

Responding to Member comments and requests Ms Homer advised as follows:

- Representatives from CCG and KCC would be invited to the next meeting of the CAG to respond to all those questions raised by members (including getting an overview presentation on special educational needs in Thanet);
- There might be a need to invite some of the service providers to inform the CAG deliberations in order to find how sensible TDC could be involved in health and social care matters affecting the district.

Members noted the update.

Members agreed that the next meeting should be arranged to take place in six weeks time.

Meeting concluded: 3.20 pm

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Date: 10th July 2020

Dear Patients

Re: Proposed closure of Garlinge Branch Surgery

As you may be aware, the GPs see patients at our main surgery at The Limes Medical Centre, Trinity Square, Margate as well as our branch site in Garlinge, Canterbury Road, Margate.

Although you may have been seen at our Garlinge branch site from the 1st July 2016, the premises are unsuitable for continued use as a surgery.

We are contacting you to let you know that after a lot of discussion and consideration, we are applying to close our Garlinge branch surgery.

We are aware that this will not be a popular decision with some patients; however the long term suitability of continuing to operate the premises compromises the provision of care to all our patients.

We understand that the applying to close the Garlinge branch site may make access to the practice more difficult for a number of patients however; we believe that this change will strengthen the practice as a whole.

The challenges with keeping branch surgeries open are numerous and substantial. Some of the challenges we face that have led to this decision are:

- The premises is not suitable for health care in the 21st Century
- Unsustainable pressure is placed on the GP Partners

What this all means

- We are applying to close the branch surgery at Garlinge and continue to see all registered patients at The Limes Medical Centre.
- No patients will need to leave the practice or have to re-register
- House bound or very frail patients will still be able to request home visits
- Prescription services will still be available at your usual Pharmacy
- Closure of the Garlinge branch surgery will mean that GPs will be able to provide a consistent quality of service to all patients.
- Overall we believe that this change will result in better use of GP time to meet patients' needs
- Better access to the Nurse and HCA team

How can you have your say?

Before we make the change we want to conduct a consultation with our patients. The results of this consultation will be presented to our NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

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We would be grateful if you could take the time to give your feedback. Please go to our website and follow the link to complete the Survey via Survey Monkey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D3NYNP2>

Please be aware that due to Covid 19 this is the safest way to collect feedback.

Please be assured that your feedback will be treated confidentiality and not be shared outside the Practice and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

Unfortunately we are unable to hold consultation meetings due to the Covid-19 operating guidance but by completing and returning the survey we will endeavour to answer all questions raised.

The consultation will end on 14th August 2020. The deadline for any feedback is 7th August 2020.

We would request that you do not make a GP appointment at this time to discuss the closure of Garlinge Branch Surgery as this could impact appointment availability for patients that need to see GP for medical reasons.