

Healthwatch Manchester Board Meeting

Tuesday 18th May 2021, 5.00-6.30pm.

Present	Apologies
Vicky Szulist - Chair (VS) Charles Kwaku-Odoi (CKO) Mina Desai (MD) Fergal McCullough (FM) Julie Rigby (JR) Anita Kanji (AK) Richard Hughes (RH) In attendance: Neil Walbran (NW) Mike Petrou (MP) Jacqueline McKinney (BSL Interpreter) Georgie Apreutesei (minutes)	Andy Needle (AN) Circle Steele (CS) Zoe Robertson (ZR)

Welcome and Introductions

VS welcomed attendees

Apologies received from Zoe Robertson.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** from 16/03/2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

1a. The latest action log was reviewed agreed and updated.

1b. The latest decision log was reviewed, agreed and updated.

2. Matters Arising

Action Log Update

All outstanding actions have been completed.

3. Report to the Board

NW presented his activity report to the board which has been circulated to the Board.

Points of note:

- Georgie Apreutesei started employment as the Administration Support Officer on 4th May 2021.
- Recruitment of the Volunteer Development and Training Officer has been re-advertised and results are being expected after 21st May, the Chief Office of HW Stockport will be joining the recruitment panel.
- The second Covid survey has been completed and the report is currently under review under the HW reading panel.
- It has been difficult to locate a venue to launch the Men's Health Forum.
- HW Manchester still lacks engagement at local strategic level.

Action: NW to source a venue for the launch of Men's Health Forum

4. ICS

Action: NW and VS to appraise the Board of any new developments ongoing

5. BSL Health Access

AK informed the Board of the government funding cut for deaf community access to interpreters when accessing health services. This service was in place throughout the pandemic but it is now being removed.

MP suggested Jacqui Driver (JD) as the contact for NHS Accessible Information Standard Compliance within the MHCC.

Action: AK to investigate the loss of funding further and coordinate with David Bursan () for getting BSL recognised as a language

Action: NW to include BSL assessment criterion in GP website review

Action: NW to investigate BSL funding cuts on HW England workplace facility.

Public section of the meeting now closed

14. Date, time and venue for next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 20th July 2021, 5.30-7.00pm**, on Microsoft Teams.

Meeting closed.