

East Berkshire Advisory Group Minutes

Wednesday 17th July 2024 6.30pm

Location- Teams

Attendance:

DOB Dermot O'Brien – AG

CE Charlotte Evans – AG

UA Umar Ansari – AG

JD Jo Dixon – HW

NL Neil Bolton-Heaton – Help & Care

AB Ann Brosnan – HW Minutes

Apologies: Kathryn Loughnan, Kevin Barry

Guests: Jaspreet Singha, Mike Butcher

1. AG meeting with potential new members

Jane Figg had stepped down from the AG and Jaspreet and Mike met with the AG members as they are interested in joining.

2. Welcome and Introductions

JD welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jaspreet and Mike to Neil.

3. May Minutes and actions

The May minutes were approved.

Outstanding actions:

KB and UA to meet to discuss carers' forums further, in the context of Slough and helping KB get the best out of them.

4. Introduction to Healthwatch E Berks Advisory Group

Neil gave a background to the E Berks contract and how Healthwatch is funded, including the disparities around Local Authority funding. Neil also updated the group about the possibility of HW England holding the funding for all HW.

Neil gave a presentation which will be sent out with the minutes and introduced the Quality Framework, which the AG had received, to ensure that the group is more robust.

Neil suggested that the AG should meet in person in the next couple of months to discuss how it could be made more interesting and more impactful and emphasises that the AG is a 'work in progress'.

Action: AB to set up date for AG in person meeting

Jaspreet and Mike then left the meeting.

5. Reports:

Ann had sent out the latest reports and Jo asked the AG to contact her if they had any questions around these.

6. Project Proposals

There were two small project proposals that had been sent to the AG:

Funded piece for Frimley Park New Hospital which would be lead by Surrey Healthwatch and E Berks would have 4-5 conversations around this.

Approved

Young Carers in RBWM

Approved

7. AOB

None

Action Summary:

AB to arrange an in person meeting with Neil and the AG

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