

**LEWISHAM CCG**  
**GOVERNING BODY PUBLIC PRE-MEETING**  
**13<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 9.30-10.00am**

**From the Governing Body:**

Dr Marc Rowland (MR), CCG Chair

Ray Warburton (RW), CCG Deputy Chair, Lay Member

Martin Wilkinson (MW), CCG Chief Officer

Dr Faruk Majid (FM), Senior Clinical Director

**From the CCG:**

Susanna Masters (SM), Corporate Director

**1 member of the public attended**

**Question 1**

I believe that there has been two good news stories recently – the positive media attention given to the therapeutic garden project which is run by volunteers from St Mary's Church and Ladywell Unit, in conjunction with SLaM, as part of the mental health prevention work. Also the decision to proceed with the Orthopaedic Clinical Network across three sites was positive news.

*CCG Response*

*MR commented that it would remain important that the Orthopaedic Clinical Network can demonstrate to commissioners that it can deliver high quality of care as well as efficiency benefits over the next year.*

**Question 2**

There has been recent news on the advancements in bone marrow transplantations. When will this be available in Lewisham, given the long term benefits to patients?

*CCG Response*

*The commissioning of specialised services like bone marrow transplantations is determined nationally, informed by NICE reviews. Nationally and locally we need*

*more donors from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups because: they are more susceptible to illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension than the rest of the population, which may result in organ failure and the need for a transplant. The challenge for the CCG is what more could be done to encourage organ donations from the BAME communities.*

### **Question 3**

I have some concerns about the CCG stopping GPs prescribing of anti-malaria drugs. Some people may not be able to afford to pay for it and catch malaria when travelling abroad. Then the NHS will have to pick up the cost of treating malaria on return to the UK. Also climate change may increase the areas of the world where Malaria is found.

#### *CCG Response*

*The CCG today is making a decision today about starting a consultation process about whether it should continue to allow GPs to prescribing anti-malaria drugs. These issues of the affordability for Lewisham people and the net financial costs to the NHS will be considered and discussed as part of this consultation process.*