

LEWISHAM CCG
GOVERNING BODY PUBLIC PRE-MEETING

14 March 2019, 9.30-10.00am

From the Governing Body:

Dr Faruk Majid, CCG Chair

Mr Andrew Bland, Accountable Officer

Mr Martin Wilkinson, Lewisham CCG Managing Director

Ms Anne Hooper, Lay Member

Dr Danny Ruta, Director of Public Health

From the CCG:

Mr Russell Cartwright, Head of Communications & Engagement

Mr Charles Malcolm-Smith, Deputy Director (Strategy & OD)

Ms Teresa Rodriguez, Engagement Officer

8 members of the public attended

Question 1

Last year you had the AGM and then had a separate public meeting at the Deptford Lounge which was very good but not many older people attended as it finished late. Have you considered for next year holding the engagement event on a Saturday to enable more working people and older people to attend?

CCG Response

Thank you for the suggestion – we are looking at plans for 2019/20 around public engagement at the Public Engagement and Equalities Forum (PEEF) and will consider this – another possibility we are discussing is running an event on a week day but with two split sessions in the afternoon and early evening.

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I thought it was excellent to differentiate between the business part of the AGM and the engagement event.

Question 2

One or two questions about the Treatment Access Policy. A member of the public received a response from the CCG which says the review and amendment has been led by public health. The papers for today's meeting says that this has been led by Southwark public health and something about getting in to bed with Enfield.

CCG Response

Southwark public health haven't led the review of the policy - it has been done jointly across SE London. It is a public health led document, however we work jointly with them. It also links in to national work and the London Choosing wisely programme. In addition we looked at what other areas done and that is where the reference to Enfield comes in.

Question 3

[In relation to the previous answer] Why public health and not clinicians?

CCG Response

Public health are clinicians and they consult widely. Clinicians are heavily involved. Public health take a lead role as they have the skills to review the current evidence and due to historic reasons.

From a clinician's point of view, we want fair access to treatment and services. We want 'grey' areas to be considered very carefully. As long as that process works well clinicians are satisfied.

Question 4

I am reassured then to see and hear that clinicians will be able to secure restricted treatments if necessary.

CCG Response

Where there is an appropriate clinical need, we would argue strongly and support the patient. Requests for individual funding requests have to come in from a clinician.

Question 5

Will the list [of treatments covered in the Treatment Access Policy] be kept under review?

CCG Response

Yes, the list will be kept under continuous review.

Question 5

One particular procedure that will be restricted is arthroscopies – I've had 2. I was told that that was what I needed to have. In one case it really worked. I assume that this is the sort of situation where a clinician might make a case?

CCG Response

Treatment and evidence has moved on meaning that arthroscopies, which are quite invasive, aren't always the best treatment. We are trying to run people through the MSK pathway trying other options like physiotherapy first. Other options could identify the problem for example CT or MRI scans.

Question 6

I am pleased to see that the CCG has got back its responsibility for the hospital. I'm sure that is reflective of hard work. Would like to ask about the SE London Integrated Governance & Performance Committee, will that continue?

CCG Response

There will be a recommendation that will come to the Governing Body that it should continue. It is a limited committee, looking at limited areas where we can collaborate effectively with a specific focus on waiting times, A&E performance, cancer and diagnostics. The committee also gives us an oversight of money across SE London so it also makes sense to look at finance there. However there will not be many decisions at the SE London Integrated Governance & Performance Committee that wouldn't come to the individual CCG Governing Bodies.

Question 7

Do I gather there are going to be some decisions that this and other CCGS will delegate to SE London Integrated Governance & Performance Committee?

CCG Response

The SE London Integrated Governance & Performance Committee is not primarily a decision making body, it is more about assurance. There will be some decisions but these will be limited. A formal document will come to the May Governing Body on this.

Question 8

Bromley CCG are circulating minutes from The SE London Integrated Governance & Performance Committee to the Governing Body group – here it is being provided as summary in GB papers.

CCG Response

Going forward I think all SE London boroughs will be doing the same.

Question 9

You've got to produce an operating plan for next financial year by the beginning of April. I'd like to ask what is the relationship between that and what is being done at STP (Sustainability and Transformation Partnership) level?

CCG Response

The two do relate to each other – we share many providers. There is a requirement for April for each borough to describe how it will spend its allocations for 19/20. The STP plays a role in that. The CCG requirement is to have a plan which meets the planning guidance for next year. STP-wide (across SE London) there is a requirement to put together a longer term plan in response to the NHS Long Term Plan by the autumn.