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**LEWISHAM PEOPLE’S PARTNERSHIP**

**Discussions and actions from the meeting held on 23rd April 2024**

**AGENDA**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |

**09.45am - 10.00am Arrivals**

**10.00am - 10.15am What voices do we have at this meeting?**

**10.15am - 10.30am Presentation – Lewisham People’s Partnership - Year 1 Review – First Draft**

**10.30am - 10.50am Discussion on the Review - What has gone well, challenges and what we learnt about how to engage**

**10.50am - 11.05am Break**

**11.05am - 11.50am Discussion on the Year 1 Review – Ideas for how we can we build on the successes and address the challenges**

**11.50am - 12 noon Dates for 2024/25 Lewisham People’s Partnership meetings**

**Agenda item 1 - Voices at the meeting**

Voices at the meeting:

**Online attendees:**

Fiona Derbyshire, CEO of Citizen Advice Lewisham

Michael Kerin, Healthwatch Lewisham

Alexandra Camies, South Lewisham Patient Participation Group

Charles Malcolm-Smith, People & Provider Development Lead (Lewisham)

Peter Ramrayka, Indo Caribbean group and air cadets

Teresa Rodriguez, Communications and Engagement Manager (Bromley & Lewisham)

Helen Eldridge, Head of communications and engagement (Lewisham)

Leoni Down, Head of Occupational Therapy at SLaM

Sabrina Dixon, Social Inclusion Recovery Group

Joseph Oladosu, Action for Community Development

**In Person:**

Anne Hooper, Chair

Lisa Fanon, Public health, Lewisham Council

Kelvin Wheelen, Carers Consultant of Dementia at SLaM

Sue Boland, Head of Services for SEL Mind

Barbara Gray, Kinaara

Lauren Woolhead, PA and Business Support

**Apologies:**

Rosemary Ramsey

Nalan Salih

Rachel Ellis

Dominic Parkinson

**Agenda item 2 – Lewisham People’s Partnership - Year 1 Review - Draft**

**Introduction**

Anne gave a short presentation on the draft of the Year One Review (attached) outlining that the purpose of the Review is to just pause for a moment and ask for people’s views and feedback. Taken from all that everyone has told us over the past year, the Review highlights where the Lewisham People’s Partnership has had some success, what some of the challenges have been and what we have told us about how to engage. From this we have put together some initial ideas for discussion on how we could build on the successes and address the challenges. Anne thanked everyone who has come to Lewisham People’s Partnership meetings during the first year and for bringing a rich and valuable variety of voices, experiences, challenges and questions.

**The first part of the discussion on the draft Review concentrated on what had gone well, where the challenges have been and what we have learnt about how to engage, and the meeting gave the following responses:**

* Many people and communities in Lewisham feel that they have not been heard for decades – they have no influence in setting priorities, funding or agendas that impact on their health and wellbeing
* There is – and has been – excellent work done with people and communities, but it is not co-ordinated, known about or sustained for the long term and therefore has no lasting impact on tackling inequalities or improving health and wellbeing.
* Communities want and need action now – there has been enough talking – we need action
* There is so much opportunity for really good engagement work with communities through the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sectors – those sectors need to push against the existing power bases collectively
* The route into Lewisham people and communities is through the Lewisham People’s Partnership and VCSE organisations but there are barriers which need to be acknowledged and a commitment from the system to support engagement (include funding) that is done through the Lewisham People’s Partnership and VCSE
* We are at a cross roads – the VCSE is ready to realise opportunities for engagement that will cut through some of the problems but there needs to be reality and honest conversations about the desire to share power and for communities to be able to take the lead in setting agendas and priorities – honesty about how community engagement needs to be enabled – remuneration, timings of meetings, childcare and travel – where engagement takes place and when – honesty with what people and communities need to be able to take part in co-production and partnership – honesty about the capacity to do this job – we have to do it together – joined together – not new structures – power shared means meeting both community needs and system needs
* There seems to be a disconnect at many levels – for example – organisations external to Lewisham being brought in to do work with Lewisham people and communities
* Need to challenge ingrained methods of commissioning
* What is the LPP here to do – how can we be accountable – how can we hold others to account?
* Status quo not good enough – need honesty and accountability
* Review has teased out the challenges well – now that we are an integrated system, we need integrated engagement and not just health dominated but including the wider determinants
* Can the Lewisham People’s Partnership and Lewisham Health and Care Partners be equal partners? Is it possible when one partner is a statutory organisation and the other not - it is ambiguous and needs teasing out - what does it mean and what are the objectives – how does the Lewisham People’s Partnership work in partnership with other stat organisations e.g. Lewisham & Greenwich Trust and the Council?

**The second part of the discussion on the draft Review concentrated on the ideas put forward to build on the successes and address the challenges and the meeting gave the following responses:**

* There are too many priorities – are we concentrating on the short-term issues e.g. for one year or longer-term objectives such as reducing inequalities?
* Do we look to the Lewisham Health and Care Partnership system intentions and use these to connect/build bridges to communities e.g. hypertension within black communities, long term conditions, primary care access?
* Look at a hub model – Lewisham People’s Partnership hubs focusing on the above could deliver
* Not to be too top heavy - look to opening up space to hear the voices and experiences we don’t hear at the moment – enable people to step into those spaces
* Use an asset based approach/participatory budgets – people and communities have the solutions – create a model and take into Lewisham health and Care Partners
* System change takes years to normalise – working towards Lewisham’s key principles of engagement need long term commitment
* People and communities have not been listened to or involved in the past – they need more than sporadic information – they need to be enabled and empowered – need a strong feedback loop
* Meetings need to bring value – capacity and resourcing is a real issue for VCSE organisations – remuneration needs to be addressed
* Less about new structures and more about what is in place operating more effectively – need to break down current silos
* Learn lessons and build on previous community work, BLACHIR, health equity programme, community champions, PPGs – people and communities need to feel that they are being treated equally
* Development and training - for people working in LHCP system - that demonstrates that engagement is valuable

**Actions from the meeting**

* Following on from the meeting, to prepare the next draft of the Year 1 Review
* Present that draft to the May 2024 meeting of the Lewisham Health and Care Partnership Strategic Board
* Circulate and consult further with Lewisham People’s Partnership, local partners and VCSE

**Agenda item 2 – Dates for Lewisham People’s Partnership meetings in 2024/25**

The dates for the 2024/25 LPP meetings are:

26th June 2024 – 2pm – 4pm (in person and online) Catford Civic Centre, Catford Rd, London SE6 9SE

11th September 2024 – 10am-12pm TBC

13th November 2024 – TBC

15th January 2025 - TBC

We are just confirming times and locations for these dates which we will circulate.