**Healthwatch Medway Virtual Steering Group**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday 11th March 2021 2pm

**Location:** Teams

**Attendees:** Graham Trice (GT & Chair)

Marion Shoard (MS)

Pat Gulvin (PG)

Debbie Lindop (DL)

Maggie Cane (MC)

**Apologies:**  Eunice Lyons-Backhouse, John & Lyn Gallimore (JG LG)

**Minutes:** Maggie Cane

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| **Outstanding Actions** |  | **Action/**  **Follow up** |
| **MC discuss with CQC & Adult Social Care Director and share feedback then look at booking events.**  **MC to devise workplan and share all priorities across the year.**  **MC to share details on Quality Framework once available.**  **MC to amend meetings and send invites.**  **MC to share role description.** |  | **To be carried over – until offices back to “normal”.**  **Started discussions 11th Feb, Workplan to be completed for review by end March 2021.**  **Completed**  **Carried over as MC volunteered to now add role descriptions on Engagement (Hospital, public & Event) & Data Entry** |
|  | GT started with actions and minutes along with apologies. No matters arising.  GT Thanked PG for circulating the notes from the Health & Wellbeing Board, very concise.  GT updated on Kings Fund conference attended along with JG & LG. JG & LG feedback via email: *The significant thing was comments made around the White Paper especially the shift from GP power to Trust power.*  All available online, very informative and extensive library also available free of charge. – MS requested the links to access the talks.  PG & MC both commented that local power works best and should keep the ability to raise a referral to the Secretary of State for Health.  The link below takes you to the Kings fund explanation of the White Paper.  <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/health-social-care-white-paper-explained>  MS requested we re-visit the priorities. PG stated she was visiting Britton House to see the facilities and will update us at the next meeting.  Care Homes will be re-visited to see if recommendations have been actioned. Health Inequalities PG stated that Covid has opened doors to seldom heard individuals that have previously been difficult to engage with. Dentistry, GT commented on the slot that Libby (Kent Volunteer) took at Team Day this morning and shared that his dentist is taking on new NHS patients. Infection Prevention and Control at Medway Hospital – following a discussion it was agreed that this would not form a priority due to CQC inspections and PLACE Visits. It was deemed that this could be actioned through those means.  AOB  MC shared an update that Health & Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny will be this evening and Healthwatch is on the agenda for the Care Home / Personal Assistant report, the committee want to ensure recommendations have been actioned.  MC also shared that Medway Hospital is recruiting Governors if anyone is interested: <https://www.medway.nhs.uk/membership/become-a-governor.htm>  MC also interviewed two women for International Women’s Day – Ginny Bowbrick a Vascular Surgeon at Medway Hospital:  <https://www.healthwatchmedway.com/news/2021-03-08/talking-medways-vascular-surgeon>  Jackie Brown Assistant Director for Adult Social Care Medway:  <https://www.healthwatchmedway.com/news/2021-03-08/celebrating-international-womens-day>  MS shared that she has a regular monthly slot on BBC Radio Kent and is happy to share things of interest. 0735 on the last Sunday of the month.  DL shared the long covid report and that the next focus group will be on Mental Health with the support of MEGAN, a local peer support charity.  DL & MC to attend One Big Family Soup Kitchen 14th March to engage with homeless / rough sleeping women for the project on Homelessness.  MC also shared that Medway Youth Council are still interested and liaising with the change of roles & responsibilities in the Council. | **GT to share links to this event with MS** |
|  | Next meeting 08th April 2021 14.00 Teams invite sent separately. |  |