**Executive Committee Meeting**

June 3rd 2019 @ 5pm

Attendance: Audrey Lucas, Sister Josephine, Joseph Healy, Malcolm Alexander

**1.0 Minutes of the May meeting** agreed a correct record.

2.0 Matters arising:

2.1 Maternity services meetings: Dates have now been provided to

Jan Marriott and Beulah East

**3.0 LAS Strategy**

3.1 Members were surprised that the Chair and CE failed to discuss their strategy at the May Forum meeting.

3.2 MA has written to Heather and Garrett as follows:

Dear Garrett and Heather, thank you so much for attending our meeting last night and for the excellent discussion about the development of patient and public involvement in the work of the LAS. Our members valued the opportunity for a frank and open discussion on this issue. We look forward to receiving your Board statement on patient and public involvement, empowerment and your approach to the Co-production Charter. We have made some changes to the Charter in light of Paul's comments on the power balance. You will see this change in version 6.

Members were very disappointed that you said nothing at all about your Strategy and Pioneer services, which was the subject that you were invited to address the meeting on. As you will recall we were disappointed during the consultation at the poor involvement of patients and the public and hoped that last night’s meeting would have enabled the process to move on successfully to enable stakeholders to feel more involved in the process.

Would you be kind enough to send me a written update on your progress with development of the Strategy and Pioneer services that I can share with members, Healthwatch, our and voluntary sector partners?

3.3 MA has met with Angela Flaherty from the LAS Strategy Team and asked her to provide a written statement on progress with implementation of the strategy and invited her to attend the next Forum meeting to join in the discussion regarding deprivation and LAS performance.

3.4 With respect to the funding of Pioneer Services, the CCGs told the Forum that Pioneers services are in pilot stages in a small number of CCGs, and will be considered on an individual basis through the LAS Strategic Commissioning Board, which LAS are in agreement with and is in accordance with governing arrangements and in line with contracting process. It has not been possible to get any detailed information on funding of these services from the LAS Director of Finance.

Mark Easton the Accountable Officer for the North West London STP has been helpful in obtaining information about fund.

**Action: Continue to encourage the leadership of the LAS to discuss progress with their strategy in public and with key community stakeholders.**

**4.0 CQC Inspection – Autumn 2019**

4.1 MA has also written to Garrett as follows: Dear Garrett, hope you as well.  
We have been discussing how we can best support the LAS during the **well-led** review. In the past we had participated in mock CQC inspections and made written submissions in parallel with the PIR submissions. Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

**Action: Liaise with LAS and CQC in lead up to next inspection of the LAS especially in relation to the Well-Led category.**

**5.0 Equality and Diversity Working Group**

5.1 Malcolm has met with Dora and a note on the meeting will be sent out to EC members. Agreed to hold meeting on Fridays. Noted that Patricia Grealish the LAS Director of People and Organisational Development has resigned. MA has invited her to attend a meeting of the Forum before she leaves. Harriet Harman MP, as Chair of the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee will be asked to speak at a future Forum meeting.

The latest data on diversity amongst LAS paramedics shows that 7.5% of paramedics have a BME heritage, but only 4% are patient facing.

Arrange meeting with Averil, the recruitment lead and ask her to speak at a future Forum meeting.

**Action: MA to liaise with Dora Dixon-Fyle re meetings of the E&D Group and action plan, and contact Averil re speaking at Forum meeting.**

**6.0 Mental Health Care**

6.1Noted that the LAS mental health group has ceased meeting. The Forum has raised a number of issues about mental health care with Trisha Bain and Carly Lynch the mental health lead. Some issues have also been raised with a Programme Manage Healthy London Partnership as follows:

1)    Long waits by patients suffering a mental health crisis in cars and ambulance outside places of safety and A&Es –some of whom have been sectioned under, s4, s135 or s136.

2)    The current situation regarding the use of spot purchasing of mental health beds leading to long waits in A&E, e.g. at the Homerton Hospital.

**Action: Meeting to be arranged with Trisha Bain and Carly Lynch.**

**Response awaited from Healthy London Partnership.**

**7.0 London Assembly – Meeting with Fred Jerrome**

7.1 A report has been produced on this excellent meeting and sent to members. It will be on the agenda for the next Forum meeting.

7.2 Following successful raising of defibrillator issue with Mayor of London by Dr Sahota, discussions will take place regarding further siting of defibrillators across London.

**Action: Meeting is being arranged with Dr Sahota, Chair of the Health Committee of the London Assembly with the Forum EC.**

**8.0 Stakeholder Involvement Report**

8.1 Noted that the Board of the LAS has hired a consultant to produce a report on stakeholder involvement. The Forum has requested a copy of the report from Heather. The report is based on desk research. A stakeholder lead has also been employed by the LAS (name to follow).

**Action: Write to Heather Lawrence to obtain copy of stakeholder research document.**

**9.0 Access to Prisons for the LAS**

9.1 The LAS has no data on access to the secure estate and the prisons have been unable to provide data under FOI. The Justice Minister has invited the Forum to a meeting with his colleagues to discuss faster access to seriously ill patients.

**Action: Place on agenda for June meeting of the Forum and arrange meeting with Ministers team.**

**10.0 Elections**

10.1 The positions of Chair and Vice Chair are unchallenged. In view of the expertise and knowledge of the five people nominated as EC members, it was agreed to invite them all to join the EC for 2019-20. A motion will be put to the next Forum meeting to agree acceptance of this proposal.

**Action: Submit motion to the June meeting of the Forum on the outcome of election.**

**11.0 Presentation on Deprivation and LAS Performance**

11.1 Excellent presentation by Archie Drake at May Forum meeting. Archie has not gone to Canada for one year and is happy to continue working with the Forum by Skype. Unfortunately, the LAS cannot Skype from the main screen in the conference room. MA will lead discussion on this issue, supported by James Guest. Further data will be sought at post code level re performance data.

**Action: MA to represent Archie’s slides and lead discussion on deprivation and LAS performance.**

**12.0 Volunteer Strategy**

12.1 Noted that the Volunteer Strategy has not yet been produced by the Medical Directorate. The LAS are planning to recruit 100,000 volunteers and set up an LAS Cadet organisation.

**13.0 LGBT Forum Meeting**

13.1 Joseph and Malcolm have met with members of the LAS LGBT Forum (Jules and Alex) A meeting will be held jointly them in September. Note on meeting to be sent to EC members. Joseph will also meeting with Stonewall to discuss their potential role in the September meeting. Discussion also included a look at LAS responses to patients in parts of London with the highest levels of HIV.

**Action: MA to liaise with LGBT Forum and Joseph to meet with Stonewall.**

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