**Healthwatch Trafford**

**Minutes of Board meeting 27th October 2022**

**Online Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting commenced at 5.30pm**

**Present:**

Heather Fairfield (HF)

Jean Rose (JR)

Susan George (SG)

Janet Brennan (JB)

Elaine Mills (EM)

Anna Gaughan (AG)

Andrew Latham (AL) – Company Secretary

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion and Actions** |
| 615. Welcome; apologies and introductions | Apologies: Brian Hilton  615.1 HF welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| 616. Declaration of Interest | 616.1 No declarations of interest received. |
| 617. Minutes of previous meeting | 602.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record with one correction: 613 James Gray not Guy. |
| 618. Matters arising not on the agenda | 603.1 None |
| 619. Action Log | Action log reference:  573.2 Complete  593.1 Complete  594.2 Complete |
| 620. CO Report | 620.1 AL updated members on progress with the Big Conversation work.  620.2 AL updated members on the proposed Personal Health Budgets work **Action: HF to write to Trafford ICB around outstanding finance decisions for this work.**  620.3 AL updated on the OT report – this was now in final draft form; Trafford LCO are also conducting a review of OT and Adaptations so it had been agreed to wait for that report before publishing ours, as the key elements would be of direct relevance to our findings and recommendations.  620.4 JR asked about volunteering and highlighted ongoing concerns by volunteers about returning to face to face engagement. JR also noted that new volunteers were likely to be older as the retirement age has risen, therefore, coupled with the continued rates of Covid infections, these concerns are likely to continue for some time. SG agreed, noting that Bolu had done a good job but echoing JR’s concerns. EM asked about obtaining volunteers from universities? AL responded that this hadn’t proved successful in the past but a different approach, such as bringing in students to do time limited work on projects may be more attractive. |
| 621. Healthwatch in GM Update | 621.1 HF updated members on the main issues facing HWinGM – scheme of delegation and finances. From a HW perspective it is not always clear who is holding which posts within the ICS. HF highlighted an event on 6th November around women and their involvement, EM noted that senior women across GM come from a particular demographic and aren’t representative. JR asked if any reps from HW could raise the issue of the treatment of women pre heart attack, as the symptoms for women are quite different to those of men, often resulting in misdiagnosis. |
| 622. Questions from the Public | None received. |
| **PART 2 – Closed Session** |  |