

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE BOROUGH BASED BOARD  
MEETING  
9 JULY 2020**

**1. Received on the 6 July 2020**

**A) Finance Report - Risk Position**

There are 4 main risks which need to be considered both at SE London CCG level but also at Bromley Borough level which are;

- Risk of NHS England not funding all of the COVID-19 spend claimed by the CCG in respect of NHS spend and also Local Authority spend on the Hospital Discharge Scheme;
- Risk of NHS England not retrospectively making an allocation adjustment in respect of non-delivery of QIPP;
- Risk that SE London CCG is not able to secure the additional funding required to break even where the shortfall has been as a result of the allocation adjustments;
- Risk/uncertainty of not yet knowing what the financial regime for the remainder of the financial year will be.

Is the Board confident that enough is being done to mitigate these risks?

**RESPONSE:**

Yes, the Board can take assurance that all is being done to mitigate these risks. The SEL CCG has regular dialogue with NHSE colleagues to ensure these risks have been clearly communicated, captured and are mitigated. The Board is asked to note that these risks relate to national financial issues and impact upon all CCGs in the country. Of the overall overspend of £18.2m the CCG reported at month 2, we have already received the additional funding of £11.5m relating to Covid expenditure.

**B) Possibility of recording the meeting?**

Also, would it be possible to record the meeting so that those who cannot watch it on 9th July would be able to observe it at a later date?

**RESPONSE:**

Yes, the meeting is being recorded and will be published on the SEL CCG website.

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How many Bromley care home residents have died from Covid-19? What proportion does this constitute of the total number of care home residents? How many Bromley residents have been discharged from hospital to Bromley care homes without being tested for Covid-19? And what arrangements have been made in Bromley for GP visits to care homes and to what extent have residents' end-of-life care needs been met in Bromley care homes including scheduled drugs.

**RESPONSE:**

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There have been just over 1500 cases of Covid-19 in Bromley, as confirmed by a positive antigen test. There will have been more cases but not everyone had a swab test, and some people will have had very mild disease or been asymptomatic.

There have, unfortunately been 338 deaths in Bromley residents, confirmed as being from Covid-19. Out of these, 74 deaths have been in care homes locally, and 239 have been in hospital. The remainder have been in the community.

Bromley CCG commissioned a special general practice for care homes, which commenced in May 2019. The Bromleag Care Practice is run by the Bromley GP Alliance, and is devoted specifically to the needs of residents in care homes. Having a single general practice responsible for this vulnerable group enabled much better system wide arrangements to take support homes. Through a partnership approach led by the Bromleag Care Practice, Bromley was able to test all residents and staff in care homes in advance of the national system being fully put in place. Through Bromley Council, including the Public Health Department, each home had an infection control link person; and training in testing, use of PPE and infection control was offered to each home, with most homes taking this up. In addition to this, Bromley Council prioritised delivery of PPE to these settings, and the Bromleag Care practice visited homes and ran a virtual consultation service. Despite the impact of the pandemic, the strength of the multidisciplinary approach in Bromley saw a 27% reduction in calls to the LAS this April when compared to last April.

Additional medicines management arrangements were in place. The borough-based medicines management teams have been working collectively as part of the CCG response to Covid-19 under the joint leadership of two senior pharmacists. Very early on in the response, rapid access to end of life drugs in people's homes or care homes was recognised as an urgent priority. Working closely with colleagues in hospitals and also with local hospices, a new service was commissioned from community pharmacies to hold an agreed stock of drugs and to be able to supply these on demand within two hours. Five community pharmacies in Bromley offer this service.

St Christopher's provided strengthened support for end of life and advanced care planning.

Data on how many patients were discharged from the PRUH to care homes will be shared once available.