


Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals 
NHS Trust

PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY COMMITTEE	
Date of meeting:	24 th May 2019
Attendees:	Kate Thomas (Chair), Richard Samuda, Toby Lewis, Raffaella Goodby, David Carruthers, Ruth Wilkin, Paula Gardner
Apologies:	Waseem Zaffar
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated on work on mis-use of alcohol project and work on period poverty, both jointly with Sandwell Council • Discussed west Birmingham and Sandwell air quality partnership and the links around healthy lungs to the July Smoke Free project • Shared concerning data on interpreting take up by service area and committed to project led at executive level to make a palpable difference on this matter by January 2020 • Explored work being done to engage communities around the Midland Met site, and agreed to review progress routinely
Positive highlights of note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note Public Health England interest in the Trust-funded alcohol team and their impact on admissions within our acute service
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-organisation effort needed in support of July 5th go-live for Smoke Free, including Board leadership over the fortnight concerned
Matters presented for information or noting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussions about out of hours access to the mortuary, pursuant to both now and to Midland Met body store
Decisions made:	n/a
Actions agreed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for work to be done on interpreting and communication with patients who use BSL or other translation formats • Support for work on reducing our use of non-biodegradable plastics in clinical and non-clinical settings

Kate Thomas

Chair of the Public Health, Community Development and Equality Committee

For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 6th June 2019