

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH TASK & FINISH GROUP

MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY

The Mental Health Task & Finish Group (MHTFG) was convened by the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB) in 2015 to lead the development and implementation of an integrated all age Mental Health Strategy.

In May 2017, the Health & Wellbeing Board accepted the findings of the MHTFG report into mental health. The Board was presented with a set of emerging themes identified from both the adults and children's needs assessment.

It was agreed that the strategic priorities for mental health would be included within the Health & Wellbeing strategy and that the role of the MHTFG would be refocused in order to ensure effective delivery of the strategy.

The MHTFG were asked to provide the HWB with an update highlighting high level priorities for the strategic action plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Consider the update from the MHTFG.
- Agree the strategic priorities depicted on the strategy on a page appended to this report.
- Accept the appended terms of reference for the refocused MHTFG

DETAIL

1. A range of themes were reported to the HWB in May, they emerged from the development of the mental health needs assessment, much of which mirrors the findings of the children and young people's needs assessment.
2. These themes were reviewed by stakeholders and have been presented in appendix 1 as a set of high-level priorities to support the future development of an integrated strategic action plan.
3. Appendix 1 provides an overview of key areas of existing and future work as identified by the stakeholder group

NEXT STEPS

4. With continued leadership from HAST CGG and support from the Public Health team, the Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to accept that the remit of the MHTFG has been fulfilled. Moving forward the HWB is asked to establish a mental health steering group, the remit of which is outlined in appendix 2. The group will monitor and ensure effective implementation of the action plan. Regular assurance reports would be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board as per the governance outlined in appendix 2.
5. The Mental Health steering group will also ensure the appropriate strategic links are made across the system, providing the HWB with an overview of all existing and developing work streams and how they contribute to the strategic priorities.
6. In order to set detailed actions, a second stakeholder event is to be scheduled to ensure a range of partners input into the plan's development. It is envisaged that through this process partners can take ownership of and support the delivery of the plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no direct financial implications of this update for the council. However, the development of an integrated mental health action plan may influence subsequent commissioning decisions involving mental health services.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no specific legal implications of this update.

RISK ASSESSMENT

9. Recommendations and commissioning decisions that arise out of the establishment of an integrated mental health action plan will incorporate risk assessment as part of the development.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

10. Implementation of the work will have a positive impact on both the Sustainable Community Strategy and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy themes in influencing the mental health and wellbeing of both children and adults.

CONSULTATION

11. Consultation with service users and stakeholders has been a fundamental part of the needs assessment. Over 50 representatives from local services and carers group attended a recent stakeholder event on mental health. The group collectively reviewed the emerging themes of the needs assessment and began initial appraisal of themes and priorities.

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