

Report to the Health, Wellbeing & Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Local Authority Mental Health Challenge update



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Introduction



This report aims to provide an update on the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge (LAMHC).

Background

The Council agreed to sign up to the LAMHC at the full Council meeting held in November 2017.

Further to that, at the full Council meeting held in February 2018 Cllr. Jill Waring was nominated and approved as the Member Champion for the LAMHC, with the Lead Officer role designated to the Partnerships Locality Officer.

Questions to be Addressed

Are the correct priorities being focused on?

Is sufficient progress being made?

Outcomes

Increased awareness of mental health.

Supporting Information

An Action Plan is to be drawn up focusing on the following priority issues that have been identified:-

- Mental Health Awareness Raising/Training – for Members and staff.
- Review of support & advice available for staff.
- Review of Housing Strategy in respect of mental health.
- Provision of mental health information, internally & externally.
- Developing links with partner organisations and projects in respect of mental health.

The Council is represented on or involved in the following relevant groups:-

- Challenge North Staffs Stakeholders' Group.
- Mental Health Helpline Stakeholders' Group.
- North Staffs Suicide Prevention Partnership Group.

In addition, Newcastle Partnership currently commissions Brighter Futures to deliver the "Safe Recovery" project that provides intensive 1:1 support for individuals, most of whom have a diagnosis of severe & enduring mental health condition, referred by the Partnership Hub to reduce challenging and offending behaviour. We have also worked with Brighter Futures on a bid to the Building Communities fund for an extension of this service.

Invited Partners/Stakeholders/Residents

To be considered for future meetings.

Constraints

There are no additional resources for the Council for LAMHC activities.

Conclusions

Progress has been made towards developing an Action Plan for the LAMHC with the identification for priority issues.

Comments and suggestions from members of the Health, Wellbeing & Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to feed into this Action Plan.

Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)

Cllr. Waring, Community Safety and Wellbeing.

Local Ward Member (if applicable)

N/A

Background Materials

N/A

Appendices

N/A

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