

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**REPORT**

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| Committee/Panel: | Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Date: | 1 May 2014 |
| Title: | Closing the Gap: Priorities for Essential Change in Mental Health |
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1. Summary

- 1.1. On 20 January 2014 the Department of Health published ‘Closing the Gap: Priorities¹ for essential change in mental health’. It provides priorities for action to bridge long-term ambitions for mental health and short term actions. It details how changes in local service planning and delivery will make a difference to the lives of people with mental problems in the next 2 or 3 years.
- 1.2. This paper outlines the four themes and twenty-five priorities for action and recommends that the Board have a seminar on the topic to explore what action is happening local to ensure the strategy is being delivered effectively.
- 1.3. The publication resonates strongly with the four themes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS); Starting Well, Living Well, Ageing Well and Healthier Communities. Opportunity already exist to strengthen links in order to aid delivery through both the JHWS and Better Care Plan.
- 1.4. North East Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are leading work for their area and Surrey on the development of the Surrey Emotional Well-being and Adult Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy. This is currently in the consultation phase and will be presented to the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2014.
- 1.5. In addition work is currently being carried out locally to develop a Mental Health Crisis Concordat. This will focus on supporting appropriate action to ensure that high quality responses are available when people, of all ages, with mental health problems, need urgent help. Department of Health guidance highlights the need for Health and Wellbeing Boards to provide an overview and challenge, in respect to making sure the required changed happen.

¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/281250/Closing_the_gap_V2_-_17_Feb_2014.pdf

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. In 2012 the Government set out its strategy, 'No health without mental health' which highlighted that mental health should have equal consideration to that of physical health. It was followed by its 2012 implementation framework and suicide prevention strategy. These documents all take a long term population approach while 'Closing the Gap' has a more service planning and delivery focus.
- 2.2. Delivery of any planned changes will require partnership working with local people, community, primary and secondary care providers as well as health and social care commissioners if strategies are to be delivered.
- 2.3. Local action that supports achieving the government's ambition will be embedded in Hampshire Better Care Plan in order to make best use of an integrated approach to improve outcomes for local people.

3. Key themes

- 3.1. Closing the Gap identifies four themes which are as follows;
 - Increasing access to mental health services
 - Integrating physical and mental health care
 - Starting early to promote mental wellbeing and prevent mental health problems
 - Improving the quality of life of people with mental health problems
- 3.2. The four themes have additional detail which is provided in twenty-five areas where there will be the fastest changes as illustrated on the next page:

4. Implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board

- 4.1. 'No health without mental health' seeks to make good mental health everyone's business. Hampshire's JHWS identifies mental wellbeing and improving mental health services through out all of the four themes. This includes action such as a focus on improving child adolescent and mental health, integrated service provision and dementia friendly communities.
- 4.2. The Boards system leadership role requires driving forward commissioning in such a way that both the physical and mental health of the people of Hampshire continues to improve. The JHWS provides the high level aspirations but the Board will need to be able to articulate the high level strategic priorities for health, social care and wellbeing year on year to enable focused system change. This will need the appropriate balance between physical and mental health and wellbeing. The phased approach being taken with the Better Care Plan will support this.
- 4.3. In order to be better placed to drive forward the required system changes it is proposed that a seminar takes place. This will give an opportunity to share intelligence and consider the system leadership role required of the board.
- 4.4. The Board needs to consider how it wishes to respond to cross boarder work with Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to the Surrey Emotional Well-being and Adult Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy development work. This will have specific impact on people in North East Hampshire. There may also be some impact on the wider Hampshire population.

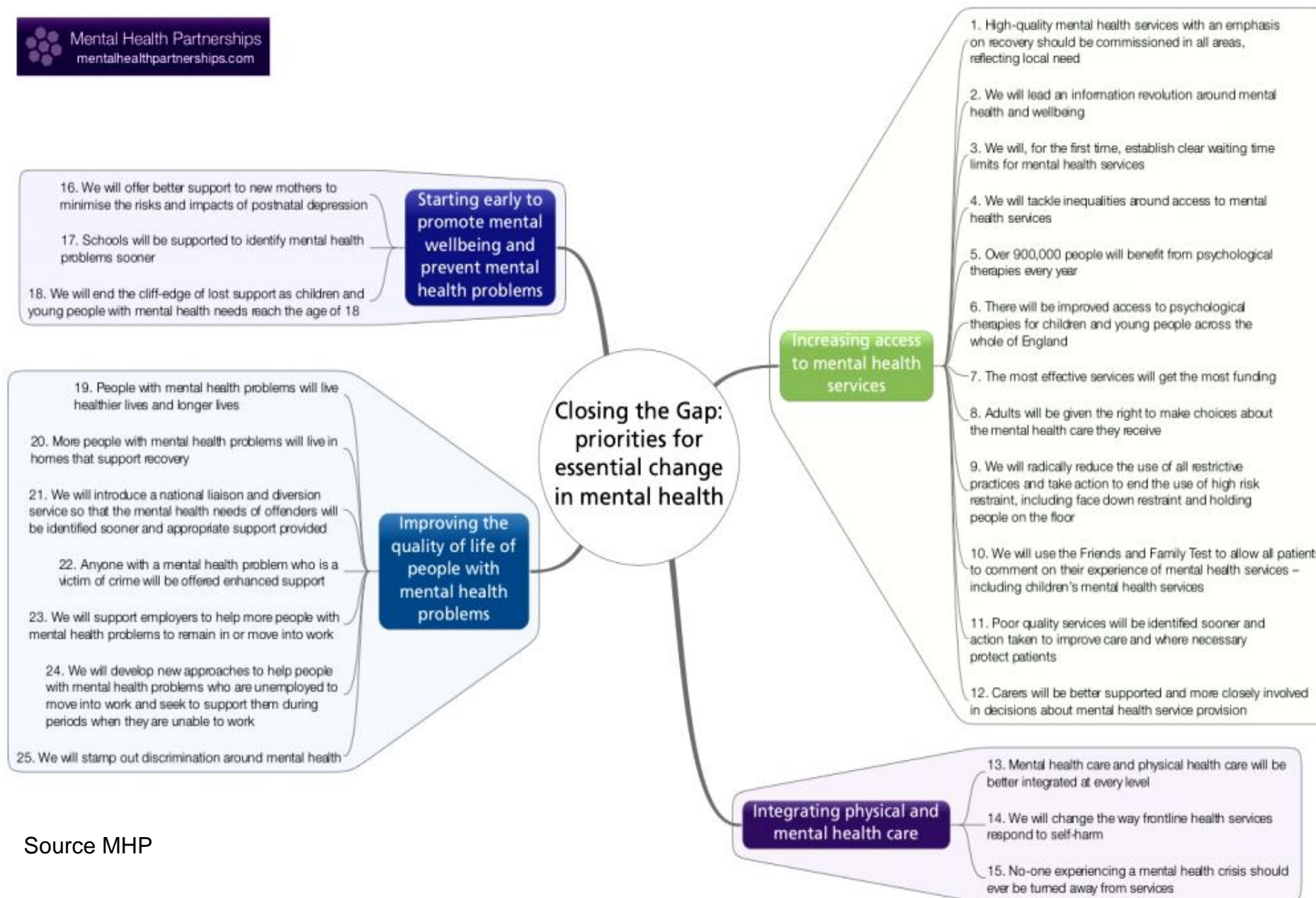
- 4.5. The Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat will set out the principles under which statutory agencies should work together. The focus will be on refinement and improvement of service support. Signatories of the concordat will need to commit to addressing – effective commissioning, access to support before crisis point, urgent and emergency access to crisis care, treatment and care quality, as well as prevention of future crises.
- 4.6. All local areas will be expected to deliver their own Mental Health Crisis Declaration. As a forum of system leaders the Board has a role to ensuring that this happens locally. This will include ensuring that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment provides sufficient detail to inform local understanding of current and future needs in relation to mental health crisis. In addition the actions to deliver the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy need to adequately reflect action that is required to make improvements in relation to commissioning and delivery.
- 4.7. In addition the Care Quality Commission will be doing targeted inspections later this year to areas where data shows they are lacking sufficient health-based places of safety for people in crisis, particularly for children.
- 4.8. Signing the concordat is to be carried out through existing partnerships. The Health and Wellbeing Board is well placed to facilitate this in respect of Hampshire.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. Closing the Gap provides a spotlight on what needs to happen to plan and deliver improved mental health services. The Board has a specific role to play in shaping and driving forward system change. In order to ensure the Board is best placed to achieve this it will need to have sufficient overview of partners' plans. This should include those of providers of mental health services from all sectors.
- 5.2. Once the Board has an overview it will be better placed to fulfil its system leadership role and drive forward a shared agenda for change at pace and scale. This will need to be put in the context of agreed action to deliver the Better Care Plan.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1. Note the publication of Closing the Gap: Priorities for essential change in mental health
- 6.2. Consider having a seminar on Closing the Gap: Priorities for essential change in mental health to include the sharing of plans and an extended invitation to providers of mental health services across all sectors and wider stakeholders
- 6.3. To receive a briefing from North East Hampshire on the development of Surrey's Emotional Well-being and Adult Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy and likely impact on the Hampshire population
- 6.4. To receive a report at the next meeting on the Mental Health Crisis Concordat and Declaration.



Source MHP

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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| Hampshire safer and more secure for all: | yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Maximising well-being: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Improving mental wellbeing will have positive impacts on the populations overall wellbeing | |
| Enhancing our quality of place: | yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> | |
| 'No health without mental health' and implementation framework and Suicide Prevention Strategy. | 2012 | |

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

None has been carried out on this briefing as it details information provided by central government

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. None has been carried out on this briefing as it details information provided by central government

3. Climate Change:

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

None has been carried out on this briefing as it details information provided by central government