

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee/Panel:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date:</b>	25 June 2015
<b>Title:</b>	Mental Health Working Group
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#### 1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to request that the Health and Wellbeing Board nominate two members of the Board to sit on a Task & Finish Group of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee regarding mental health.

#### 2. Contextual information

2.1. Both the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) have considered mental health issues over the past year. In order to consider the situation in further detail, it is being proposed that the HASC initiate a Task & Finish Group on mental health services. In order that this piece of work remain joined up with the work of the HWB on mental health, it is proposed that the Task & Finish Group include representation from the HWB.

2.2. The HASC has continued over the past year to monitor the model of care for adult mental health services in Hampshire, following the substantial change of service undertaken in 2012 by the provider Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust (SHFT). The HASC noted in April 2014 that the Trust was continuing to experience difficulties in timely discharge of acute adult mental health patients, and subsequently wrote to the HWB to highlight this issue. The HASC also recently concluded a task and finish group on the use of section 136 of the Mental Health Act, making a number of recommendations aimed at improving practice to a wide range of partners including the HWB. Additionally, the HASC has initiated the monitoring of actions being taken by SHFT following the Care Quality Commission's inspection of services, which saw some areas of mental health rated as 'requires improvement'.

2.3. The HWB has maintained an overview of mental health issues over the past year, including considering 'Closing The Gap: Priorities For Essential Change In Mental Health' by the Department of Health, the national initiative the 'Mental Health Crisis Concordat', and in October 2014 held a seminar on 'mental health

matters', with attendance and submissions from a range of partner agencies and related stakeholders.

- 2.4. In early 2015, both the HASC and HWB reflected on progress locally on the issues they have been monitoring. The Board was mindful not to duplicate the work being undertaken by the scrutiny committee regarding service changes, and the HASC was mindful that some aspects come within the remit of the HWB due to its strategic oversight and involvement in the Board by commissioners of health services.
- 2.5. In order to progress monitoring of this priority issue effectively, it is therefore proposed to form a working group of the HASC including representation from the HWB.
- 2.6. The proposed Terms of Reference for the Group are attached at Appendix 1. It is proposed that the Group be supported by a panel of expert advisors, drawn from relevant organisations such as the mental health service providers covering Hampshire. The group would also be able to co-opt non-voting members who they consider would be advantageous to their work, such as a service user representative.
- 2.7. This piece of work is timely, as opportunities to improve mental health care have recently been reviewed nationally. On 12 June 2015 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published a report 'Right here, right now: People's experiences of help, care and support during a mental health crisis'. The regulator has found that people who are having a mental health crisis are not always receiving care and support when and where they need it.

### **3. Process**

- 3.1. The HASC will be considering the proposed Terms of Reference for the Task & Finish Group at their meeting due to take place on 22 June. The HASC will agree their representation on the group (four Members). On 25 June the Board can be updated on the outcomes of the HASC meeting, and consider the Board representation on the group (two Members).
- 3.2. The Task & Finish Group will report its findings and any proposed recommendations to the HASC, ideally in the late autumn of 2015. Once agreed by the HASC, the findings will be reported to the HWB, and forwarded to commissioners and service providers to whom any recommendations may be addressed.

### **4. Recommendations**

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 4.1. Agree two Members of the Board to take part in the HASC Task & Finish Group on mental health services.

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

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**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.)

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

**Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

The Working Group will seek to ensure that mental health services in Hampshire uphold the duties of the Equality Act 2010.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. It is not anticipated that the Working Group will impact on Crime and Disorder.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

It is not anticipated that the Working Group will impact on these issues.