

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report title	Feedback on the Combined Authority - Mental Health Commission
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Elias Mattu - Adults
Wards affected	All
Accountable director	Linda Sanders
Originating service	Disabilities and Mental Health
Accountable employee(s)	Vivienne Griffin
Report to be/has been considered by	

Recommendations for noting:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note:

1. The progress to date with regard to the Combined Authority – Mental Health Commission.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress to date of the Combined Authority – Mental Health Commission and to raise the profile of the work of the Commission.

2.0 Background

2.1 The West Midlands Combined Authority has commissioned research into mental health and its impact on the public sector. It is believed this commission is the first of its type in the country. The Commission is in the process of considering evidence from around the West Midlands region and beyond and it is considering the experiences of real people with real mental health experiences, as well as the knowledge of professional mental health practitioners and mental health organisations.

2.2 The commission is being chaired by Norman Lamb MP, former Minister of State for Care and Support. The Commission has established a panel of experts to drive its work programme including:

Member	Organisation
Norman Lamb	Member of Parliament
Paul Anderson	Head of Deutsche Bank, Birmingham Office
Professor Dame Carol Black	Principal of Newnham College Cambridge, Expert Adviser on Health and Work to the Department of Health England and to Public Health England Chairman of Nuffield Trust for health policy
Craig Dearden-Phillips MBE	Founder of 'Stepping Out' venture supporting the formation and growth of new social enterprises in the UK public and voluntary sectors.
Professor Kevin Fenton	Public Health England – Director of Health and Wellbeing
Steve Gilbert	Regional Service User Representative for the Royal College of Psychiatry Member of Mind's Peer Support Advisory Panel
Steve Shrubbs	Nurse, Cognitive Behaviour Therapist Development Centre Director Network Director and Mental Health Trust CEO
Professor Swaran Singh	Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing at Warwick University Commissioner for Equality and Human Rights Commission, UK
Dr Geraldine Strathdee	NHS England National Clinical Director for Mental Health

2.3 The Commission has set itself a number of ambitious objectives as follows:

- Assess the scale of mental health problems in the West Midlands and their cost and impact across the whole system.

- Examine best practice elsewhere nationally and internationally in both health and other service areas.
- Establish the relative costs and benefits within the whole system of the application of this best practice to the West Midlands.
- Pilot new ways of working to test effectiveness.
- Make recommendations on how the findings of the Commission can be best taken forward to reform public services in the West Midlands.

3.0 Key Lines of Enquiry and Call for Evidence

3.1 The Mental Health Commission is focused on the following Key Lines Of Enquiry (KLOE):

- Employment
- Housing
- Early Intervention principles
- Criminal justice / troubled individuals
- The role of employers
- Primary Care

3.2 The current phase of the Commission is a call for evidence across the KLOE's with regards to best practice, innovation and what currently works well. This includes the setting up of a citizen's jury panel, a series of stakeholder listening events, a base line audit conducted by School of Social Policy, University of Birmingham of the current mental health footprint and a Criminal Justice stakeholder event.

3.3 Through the Citizen's Jury the Commission is eager to make sure that the opinions of members of the public are central to the work of the Commission, and they are setting up a Citizen's Jury of 20 local people and holding a series of Open Space Listening events. The Jury will explore people's experiences of mental health and wellbeing and start to answer the question '**How can public services help to build wellbeing and keep people mentally well in the West Midlands?**'

4.0 Terms of Reference

4.1 The Commission has adopted the following Terms of Reference:

- Assess scale of issue in West Midlands, cost, impact on public services, economy, communities.
- Review, research and best practice. Establish costs and benefits of application to West Midlands.
- Identify, consider outcome from West Midlands work to improve mental health and wellbeing.
- Recommendations to Government and Combined Authority on:
 - How public services can be transformed to reduce impact on poor mental health and wellbeing, within resources.

- How resources currently spent on mental ill health can be redirected to keep people mentally well and enable recovery.
- Potential for, content of, devo deal for mental health and wellbeing.
- Outcomes to be delivered.

5.0 Key Milestones

5.1 The Commission is working to the following milestones:

- December 2015 - First Commission meeting held and call for evidence including Government and regional/local partners
- January 2016 - Review evidence and agree cost benefit analysis
- April 2016 - Report drafted
- May 2016 - Draft recommendations shared with Government
- June 2016 - Commission reviews and finalises report
- July 2016 - Commission launches report

6.0 Financial implications

6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report. GS/18042016/I

7.0 Legal implications

7.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report. RB/18042016/S

8.0 Equalities implications

8.1 There are no equalities implications as a result of this report.

9.0 Environmental implications

9.1 There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

10.0 Human resources implications

10.1 There are no human resources implications as a result of this report.

11.0 Corporate landlord implications

11.1 There are no landlord implications as a result of this report.