

Recommendations

1. Mapping of service provision - current services and future intentions

- a) The Director of Adult Services to discuss with colleagues in Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group the allocation of health funding for mental health services in particular the disparity of funding for mental health services in the community as compared to the funding of mental health services in the acute sector. Urgent consideration should be given to jointly reviewing the allocation of the current mental health budget, to look at what can be done to provide timely access to community based mental health services in response to the predicted growth in numbers. A report to be presented on progress to the Health Scrutiny Panel in June 2018.
- b) The Director of Public of Health to present an update to Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel on the findings and recommendations of the Mental Wellbeing Needs Assessment - Draft (March 2017) in June 2018. The findings of the review to be shared with mental health service users, carers and key interested group for their views, and changes made as necessary to the mental health strategy.
- c) The Director of Public Health and Head of Commissioning to lead the re-establishment of the Mental Health Partnership and the implementation of the updated Mental Health Strategy under the Better Care Fund. The Head of Commissioning to lead a review with representatives of Better Care Fund Forum on the effectiveness of current care pathways in meeting the needs of people with mental health issues. The findings to be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2018.
- d) The Head of Commissioning to review the revised commissioning strategy against the following criteria – accessibility, suitability and equity. The findings to be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2018. The report to comment on the extent to which the current mental health offer is meeting the needs of people with protected characteristics who over represented in term of emergency admissions into hospital or secure accommodation.
- e) The Head of Commissioning to set out plans to consider how best to further embed mental well-being into physical care pathways and wider strategies and plans of work being led by partner organisations and report findings to Health Scrutiny Panel in June 2018. The Head of Commissioning to assess the effectiveness of publicity and information

aimed at raising public awareness about the support available to help people with mental health needs. Wolverhampton Voluntary Services and mental health service users to be involved in reviewing suitability of the information.

The review to consider the level of support available to people who are not assessed as being in crisis or whose needs are below the threshold for medical or social services intervention and what further changes are needed to help them to live more independently. The representatives of Wolverhampton Mental Health Self-Support Groups and Starfish to be consulted during the drafting of the report. The Director of Adult Services to present the review report at a future meeting of the Better Care Fund Forum for comment.

- f) The Head of Commissioning to present the report to Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel in June 2018 with recommendations, if necessary, to meet any gaps in provision and specifically the needs of mental health service users with dual diagnosis.

2. Commissioning activity and intentions

- a) The Director of Public Health and Head of Commissioning to jointly present the Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy to Cabinet in September 2018 responding to the specific challenges highlighted in the Mental Wellbeing Needs Assessment and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- b) The Director of Public Health to present progress report of actions detailed in the Suicide Prevention Wolverhampton Local Suicide Action Plan to the Health Scrutiny Panel in June 2018. The information to inform the future commissioning plans of adult mental health services in Wolverhampton. The report to include an update on the work of the Suicide Prevention Stakeholder Forum and progress made to implement recommendations in the action plan.
- c) The Director of Public Health and Head of Commissioning to present the Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy to Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel in September 2018 with recommendations, if necessary, to meet any gaps in provision and specifically the needs of mental health service users with a dual diagnosis.
- d) The Director of Adult Services, to present a progress report to Health Scrutiny to review work to implement Transforming Care Together programme and specifically to comment on the progress to ensure local needs for professional mental health services are delivered as required for the programme.

- e) The Senior Social Work Manager, to report on progress on re-organising local services and supporting multi-agency working to better co-ordinate assessments under the Mental Health Act; particularly for people who have been arrested under s136 or in Accident and Emergency.
- f) Head of Service for Mental Health, to finalise the multi-agency s117 Guidance and produce a working protocol for all operational mental health professionals and to report on progress to Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel in June 2018 for comment.

3. “So what?” - How effective are the commissioned services for individuals?

- a) The Head of Commissioning to include the following information in the revised commissioning strategy document as the outcomes for future provision of mental health services in Wolverhampton:
 - More people will have good mental health
 - More people with mental health problems will recover
 - More people with mental health problems will have good physical health
 - More people will have a positive experience of care and support
 - Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm
 - Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination

Reference: [‘No Health without Mental Health’](#) (2011).

- b) The Director of Adult Services to be invited to report to Scrutiny Board in April 2019 on progress in meeting the aims detailed in the Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy and to give a judgement against the outcomes listed above, as a basis for assessing its impact. The report to comment on links on work being done on the regional level and specifically the initiatives being led by West Midlands Combined Authority aimed at supporting people with severe and enduring mental illness back into training or employment.
- c) Service Manager Mental Health and Lead Commissioner – Specialist and Target Services, to ask Quality Assurance and Compliance team to evidence the progress made by Starfish - Health and Wellbeing in meeting their agreed objectives and outcomes as detailed in the contract. The findings to be presented in a report to Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel in May 2018.

The report to comment on the extent to which the current Wolverhampton offer is meeting the needs of the network of user led mental health self-support groups in Wolverhampton.

4. Raising awareness of mental health and promoting the importance of mental wellbeing

- a) Director of Public Health to lead a joint campaign with members of the Better Care Fund Forum linked to National Mental Health Day (held annually in October) that promotes the importance of good mental health and addresses the wider social determinants which contribute to worsening of mental health problems.
- b) The Service Manager Mental Health and Lead Commissioner – Specialist and Target Services to lead on the promotion and development of self-help resources which is easily available and accessible and report their findings to a future meeting of Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group.
- c) The Chair of Councillor Development and IT Advisory Group to recommend that a copy of the [Councillors Guide to Mental Health](#) is included as part of the annual induction for all Councillors.