



Report To: Environmental Service Portfolio Holder

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SCDC Health & Wellbeing Plan – Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat

Purpose

1. To seek the Portfolio Holder's agreement to SCDC signing-up to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat as a contribution to the delivery of the SCDC Health & Wellbeing Plan.
2. This not a key decision.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder agrees to SCDC signing up to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat Declaration and Action Plan (Appendix 1 and 2).

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The SCDC Health & Wellbeing and Children, Young People and Families priorities agreed by Cabinet in October 2014 include focusing on the health of vulnerable people to prevent future crises, working with partners to improve the local "health system", and improving information sharing to with Partners. The Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat Declaration and Action Plan will support delivery of these priorities.

Background

5. The SCDC Health & Wellbeing, and Children, Young People and Families priorities agreed by Cabinet in October 2014 include focusing on the health of vulnerable people to prevent future crises, working with partners to improve the local "health system", and improving information sharing to with Partners. These priorities were developed by a Joint Portfolio Holder Task & Finish Group.
6. SCDC Homelessness, Housing Teams, Sustainable Communities, and Environmental Health & Licensing Services all regularly support residents with a range of emotional and mental wellbeing conditions. SCDC's work includes sustaining tenancies, improving access to health & wellbeing services (via the Active & Healthy 4 Life scheme), tackling hoarding and occasional anti-social behaviour.
7. In November 2014, a range of Cambridgeshire public sector agencies were invited to sign-up to the national Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat (Appendix 1) as part of work to deliver Priority 4 of the Cambridgeshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy. These agencies include Cambridgeshire Police, the Clinical Commissioning Group, MIND, local hospitals, and local authorities. South Cambridgeshire DC has the opportunity to be the first District Council in Cambridgeshire to formally sign-up to the Concordat.

8. As part of this partnership approach, SCDC has already committed £6k towards the joint-funding of a fixed term Crisis Concordat Delivery Manager (Lynn Mars) employed by the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office. The Delivery Manager has developed an Action Plan to support delivery of the Mental Health Concordat partnership priorities (Appendix 2).

Considerations

9. It is clear that no one, single agencies has all the solutions to preventing mental health crises and improving outcomes for residents with mental health conditions. Working with partner organisations is therefore crucial and committing to the Mental Health Concordat shows SCDC's support for residents and a partnership-approach.
10. While the Concordat includes improving how partners respond to mental health crises, there is also recognition that prevention and early intervention to avoid crises is hugely important. This is SCDC's preferred, agreed approach and is reflected in the Concordat.

Options

11. The Portfolio Holder could refuse to sign-up to the Mental Health Crisis Concordat and Action Plan and simply continue current work with partners and the Delivery Manager to deliver improved outcomes for residents. However, SCDC would then lose an opportunity to further enhance its reputation with both residents and partners.

Implications

12. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

Financial

13. SCDC has already committed £6k from existing H&ES budgets towards the funding of the joint Crisis Concordat Delivery Manager. At this time, no other financial implications have been identified from signing up to the Concordat.

Equality and Diversity

14. Signing-up to the Concordat enables SCDC to publicly demonstrate its commitment to providing and improving services suitable for those residents with mental and emotional wellbeing conditions.

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

15. SCDC frontline staff are supportive of the opportunities to build better partnership working relationships that signing-up to the Concordat will deliver.

Effect on Strategic Aims

Aim 3 – Ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents.

16. SCDC will work with GPs and partners to link health services and to improve the health of our communities and to begin implementation of the SCDC Health & Wellbeing Plan and Children, Young People & Families Plan.

Background Papers

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