

Subject: Development of the Working Age/Adults
Mental Health Commissioning Strategy for
2010-2013

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Report of: The Acting Director of Strategy and
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 City partners are currently working together to plan how to update and develop the Brighton & Hove Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy.
- 1.2 Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) members are asked to consider and agree the proposed process for developing the strategy (see **Appendix 1** for additional information supplied by NHS Brighton & Hove).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members consider and agree (or otherwise comment on) the proposed process for the development of the Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy (reprinted in **Appendix 1** to this report).

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy is the key strategic plan underpinning the commissioning of mental health services for working age city residents. (Mental health services for children and young people and for older people are, to some degree, discrete from working age services, and have their own strategies.)

- 3.2 The current strategy needs updating to bring it in line with developments in mental health services, changes to the city's demography etc.
- 3.3 The update will be a joint piece of work by city partners, reflecting the fact that city Working Age Mental Health services are covered by Section 75 agreements. Partners include NHS Brighton & Hove and Brighton & Hove City Council (the commissioners of mental health services), Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (the providers of statutory mental health services for city residents), and local third sector organisations providing non-statutory services or with a particular interest in mental health (e.g. MIND).
- 3.4 The updated strategy will need to be approved by the Joint Commissioning Board (JCB). It is anticipated that this will be scheduled for early 2010.

4. HOSC INVOLVEMENT

- 4.1 NHS Brighton & Hove has requested that the HOSC considers the redevelopment of the Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy.
- 4.2 This will, of necessity, be in two stages: (i) considering the process by which the strategy is to be redeveloped; (ii) considering the revised strategy itself.
- 4.3 This report (and the information in **Appendix 1** provided by NHS Brighton & Hove) is intended to help HOSC members consider the process via which the strategy will be redeveloped. Members may be particularly interested in determining whether plans to update the commissioning strategy fully engage local people and stakeholder organisations.
- 4.4 Once completed, the revised strategy will be considered at a later HOSC meeting. At that stage, HOSC members may wish to consider whether anything in the revised commissioning strategy amounts to a "substantial variation or development" of city mental health services, and if so, whether such a variation is in the best interest of city residents. HOSCs have a range of statutory powers in relation to 'substantial variations' in local NHS healthcare services (i.e. in instances where HOSC members consider that proposed changes are likely to have a negative impact upon local people's health).

5. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 This report has been compiled following informal discussion with officers of NHS Brighton & Hove. **Appendix 1** has been provided by NHS Brighton & Hove.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are not considered to be any financial implications to HOSC's decision at this stage. The revision of the Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy is expected to take place within the current budget framework for these services, but the revised strategy may include significant financial variation within the framework.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has powers to scrutinise the NHS and represent local views on the development of local health services (Sections 7 to 10 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001). Section 242 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 has strengthened the requirements for NHS organisations to involve service users in the planning and development of services. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee can make recommendations regarding the process for the review of the Mental Health Commissioning Strategy, taking into account the legislative requirements for consultation.

Lawyer consulted: Elizabeth Culbert 10th June 2009

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Mental illness impacts on all parts of society, but particular groups may be disproportionately affected (e.g. people from deprived communities, from certain minority ethnic groups and from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community may be more likely than average to suffer particular mental health problems). It is therefore important that the needs and views of these communities are considered when redeveloping the Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None identified.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 People with mental health issues may feature to a disproportionate degree as the perpetrators, and more particularly, as the victims of crime and disorder. It is therefore important that crime and disorder

issues are considered when redeveloping the Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy, and the appropriate groups consulted.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified at this stage in the development of the commissioning strategy.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None identified at this stage in the development of the commissioning strategy.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Information supplied by NHS Brighton & Hove

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

The Health and Social Care Act (2001)