

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP MENTAL HEALTH TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE

Health Liaison Board - 7 November 2018

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report updates Members on the progress and achievements of the Local Strategic Partnership's Mental Health Task and Finish Group

This report supports the Key Aim of providing the right support at the right time, reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing for all

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Recommendation to Health Liaison Board:

Members are asked to note the report.

Reason for recommendation: Members are asked to note the report.

Introduction and Background

- 1 On 29 November 2016, the Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) held a discussion about the provision of mental health services within the District, with a wide-range of partners invited to take part in the discussion. As a result of the meeting, the LSP recommended that a multi-agency Mental Health task and finish group should be set up to explore the issues raised during the meeting and look at actions that can be delivered.
- 2 The first meeting of the task and finish group was held in January 2017 and the last meeting held on 14 May 2018. The group put together an action plan, which the Community Planning and Projects Officer and the Community Safety Partnership Manager have continued to work on during this period.

The Mental Health Action Plan

- 3 This Council has already taken positive steps, as part of the One You Health Service and the HERO Advice Service, to ensure mental health is an integral part of all housing and health assessments for customers.
- 4 The key achievements of the task and finish group included:
 - Facilitating Connect 5 training for staff and partners. This supports the NHS Five Year Forward View, particularly in “Strengthening the Workforce”, which is designed to train and equip staff to help them understand and treat people with mental health problems with dignity and respect.
 - Implementing a new Community MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference), which replaced the Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group. The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership investigated and implemented the Community MARAC as a more holistic model, which now includes a consideration about mental health concerns alongside anti-social behaviour. The first Community MARAC was held on 20 September 2018 and has been well received by partners.
 - Looking at and responding to gaps in mental health crisis services within the District. A successful crisis café project bid to the Police and Crime Commissioner received confirmation of £11,666 of funding in May 2018. A further £8,000 has subsequently been secured towards the project. The project is being developed and will work in partnership with North Kent MIND to deliver a crisis café service in Swanley.
- 5 Members will be updated at the meeting with a presentation on this work by the Council’s Community Planning and Projects Officer.

Key Implications

Financial

None directly arising from this report.

Non-Financial

None directly arising from this report

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusions

To update Members on the progress and achievements of the Local Strategic Partnership Mental Health Task and Finish Group.

Appendices None

Background Papers: None

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