

***Meeting of the Executive Member for Housing  
and Adult Social Services and Advisory Panel*** 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**Report of the Director of Housing and Adult Services**

***MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONING STRATEGY***

**Summary**

1. To seek Executive Member endorsement of the multi agency North Yorkshire and York Mental Health Commissioning Strategy that has been agreed within the North Yorkshire and York Partnership arrangements.

**Background**

2. The Mental Health Commissioning Strategy (Appendix 1) has been developed by the lead Mental Health Commissioning Agency – NYYPCT. This strategy has been developed to ensure that the commissioning of services in the North Yorkshire and York area reflects national drivers and strategies, whilst providing consistency across the North Yorkshire and York Primary Care area.

The Mental Health Commissioning Strategy as currently drafted provides the high level objectives for Mental Health Commissioning across North Yorkshire and York. It is intended that local City of York Commissioning Objectives will then be developed and an action plan put in place.

3. The more specific local York Mental Health Commissioning strategy will be developed to take account of recent changes in legislation and service and National Performance Indicator developments in required outcomes from both working age adult and older people's mental health services. It will include the following priorities and commissioning intentions :
  - Personalisation
  - Improvements to acute and complex care provision
  - Support to service users from Black and Minority Ethnic communities
  - Improving access to settled accommodation
  - Access to early intervention, psychological therapy & enhanced Community Mental Health Teams
  - Community information

- Crisis response, assertive outreach & suicide prevention
  - Carer support
  - Day support development
  - Access to education, training and employment support
  - Dementia service development
4. The Primary Care Trust has recently increased its mental health commissioning capacity in order to support delivery of the strategy and recruited 2 new Senior Commissioning Managers for Mental Health, one focussed on Primary Care and one on Mental Health Transitions.

### **Consultation**

5. The commissioning strategy has been consulted on widely across professionals, service users, carers and the voluntary sector in order to ensure that it reflects the interests of all stakeholders.

### **Options**

6. Option 1

The first option was to continue with a partnership without a joint mental health commissioning strategy.

#### Option 2

The option to develop a joint commissioning strategy was approved by the York Mental Health Partnership Board in July. The capacity required to support the NYYPCT to deliver a diverse mental health strategy has been considered within the Housing and Adult Social Services Directorate. In view of the importance of mental health delivery and the importance of ensuring that the appropriate social care pathways and services are developed, the mental health commissioning capacity within the Directorate will be enhanced. This additional capacity will support implementation of the strategy through commissioning social care services for people with mental health problems across all ages, working closely with the PCT commissioners.

### **Analysis**

7. Option one was not considered appropriate as it is essential that statutory agencies state their commissioning intentions.
8. Option two is considered to be the appropriate building block for the next stage of the partnership, providing the strategic intentions from which more specific plans can be developed.

## **Implications**

### **9. Financial Implications**

There are no specific financial implications to adopting the overall commissioning strategy. As the local commissioning objectives and service developments are recommended then the financial implications will be reported to Members as necessary. The enhancement of mental health commissioning capacity will be from within current resources.

### **10. HR Implications**

There are no Human resource implications to this report. The enhancement of commissioning capacity will be undertaken within current delegations.

### **11. Equalities :**

The development of the strategy will ensure that mental health services are available across all communities in York.

### **12. Crime and Disorder :**

There are no crime and disorder implications

### **13. Information technology :**

There are information technology implications

### **14. Property :**

There are no property implications

### **15.. Other Implications**

There are no other implications to this report.

### **16.. Legal implications**

There are no legal implications to this report

### **17. Corporate implications**

This strategy will support the inclusion of vulnerable adults and the health and well-being of all residents of York.

## **Risk Management**

14.. The risk rating of this report is below 16.

15. **Recommendations**

That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to endorse the Mental Health strategy and proposed action to support its delivery.

*Reason:* To improve services for residents in York with Mental Health problems.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all* **All**

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**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes:**

North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust; City Of York Council;  
North Yorkshire County Council; MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONING STRATEGY  
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