

Health and Wellbeing Board

4 December 2013

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Health & Wellbeing, Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones

The Mental Health Challenge

Summary

1. This report asks the Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to note the contents of the Mental Health Challenge. David Smith from The Retreat will be in attendance to present the report.

Background

2. City of York Council has agreed to sign up to the national Mental Health Challenge, which asks local authorities to promote mental health via the following ten pledges:
 - 1) Appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council
 - 2) Identify a lead officer for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council
 - 3) Follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council's work and local needs
 - 4) Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community
 - 5) Work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support
 - 6) Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on public mental health for example through our joint health and wellbeing strategy
 - 7) Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community

- 8) Encourage positive mental health in our schools, colleges and workplaces
- 9) Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health
- 10) Sign up to the Time to Change pledge.

CYC does not appoint specific member champions in this way, but intends that the Health and Wellbeing Board members collectively undertake to further the actions contained in the Mental Health Challenge.

Further information on the aims of the Challenge are detailed in Annex A, No Health Without Mental Health – a Guide for Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Consultation

3. Not applicable.

Options

4. There are no specific options for board members to consider.

Analysis

5. Not applicable.

Council Plan 2011-15

6. This report is directly linked to the Council Plan 2011-15 priority entitled “Protect vulnerable people”.

Implications

7. **Financial** – The financial implications have yet to be quantified but will take place as part of the wider integration of health and social care.
 - **Equalities** – The attached report is intended to promote equalities, with positive effects if the pledge is adhered to.
 - **Other** – There are no other known implications

Risk Management

8. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no known risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

Recommendations

9. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider the ten points of the Mental Health Challenge and work with City of York to reduce inequalities in mental health across the city.

Reason: To promote equality in mental health.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None.

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

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A – No Health without Mental Health – a Guide for Health and Wellbeing Boards