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**Health, Housing and Adult Social Care  
Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

13 September 2017

Report of the Chair of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities  
Partnership Board

**Consultation on the draft Mental Health Strategy for York 2017-2022**

**Summary**

1. This report presents the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee with the draft Mental Health Strategy for the city (Annex A refers). The draft strategy is currently being consulted on with the closing date for comments being Sunday 8 October 2017.
2. Committee members are asked to comment on the draft mental health strategy.

**Background**

3. The [joint health and wellbeing strategy for 2017-22](#) was approved at the March 2017 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It includes four principal themes that need to be addressed. One of these themes is mental health and wellbeing and the key priority for the theme is *'to get better at spotting the early signs of mental ill health and intervening early'*.
4. The joint health and wellbeing strategy also sets out additional areas where the Health and Wellbeing Board want to make improvements; these are:
  - Focus on recovery and rehabilitation
  - Improve services for young mothers, children and young people
  - Improve the services for those with learning disabilities
  - Ensure that York becomes a Suicide Safer city

- Ensure that York is both a mental health and dementia-friendly environment
5. The draft mental health strategy aims to expand these priorities; giving more detail on how these might be achieved. It is also mindful of the national aims for improving mental health as set out in the Department of Health's publication "No Health without Mental Health" which has the following aims:
    - More people will have good mental health
    - More people with mental health problems will recover
    - More people with mental health problems will have good physical health
    - More people will have a positive experience of care and support
    - Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm
    - Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination.
  6. Additionally the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board is currently being reviewed and the Health and Wellbeing Board have agreed that it should be split into two distinct groups. One focused on mental health and the other on learning disabilities.
  7. Work is underway to establish these new groups and it will be the responsibility of the mental health group (working with the Health and Wellbeing Board theme leads for mental health) to ensure that the mental health strategy is implemented and to develop action plans to enable delivery to happen.

### **Consultation**

8. The draft strategy attached at Annex A to this report is currently being consulted on. The questions being asked are:
  - i. What do you think the mental health strategy will deliver
  - ii. From the strategy, what would be your short, medium and long term priorities
  - iii. What do you think is missing from the mental health strategy

- iv. What one thing would make the biggest improvement to your mental health and wellbeing
  - v. What already works well in the city
  - vi. What should we do more of
  - vii. Any further comments/feedback
9. The questions were compiled by a small working group and the online survey is being hosted by [Healthwatch York](#).
10. The draft strategy has also been presented at the VCS Forum for mental health prior to it being launched for formal consultation.

### **Options**

11. There are no options provided within this report. Members of the scrutiny committee are asked to provide their feedback to the draft mental health strategy.

### **Implications**

12. There are no known implications associated with the recommendations in this report. Implications may arise once the strategy is in place.

### **Risk Management**

13. There are no known risks associated with the recommendations in this report. Risks may be identified through the consultation, further development of the strategy and at the point action plans are developed.

### **Recommendations**

14. The Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the draft mental health strategy and provide their feedback.

Reason: To ensure the scrutiny committee can contribute to the mental health strategy during the consultation stage.

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### Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None

### Wards Affected:

All

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

### Background Papers:

None

### Annexes

Annex A – Draft Mental Health Strategy for York 2017-2022