

People Scrutiny Commission

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Title: Update on the People Scrutiny Commission 2015/16 Mental Health Working Group Action Plan

Ward: Citywide

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the People Scrutiny Commission note the updates on the Mental Health Working Group Action Plan.

Summary

The People Scrutiny Commission opted to undertake a review of mental health services as part of their work programme for 15/16 in order to ascertain whether there were additional opportunities to raise the profile of mental health issues and join up provision citywide.

The report and recommendations were presented and accepted by:

- The Mayor and Cabinet – 4th July 2016
- The People Scrutiny Commission – 18th July 2016
- The Health and Wellbeing Board – 10th August 2016.

This is the first update on the action plan. As some updates are provided by the Public Health team, which is the remit of the Neighbourhood Directorate, Councillors from the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny commission have been invited to attend the meeting.

The significant issues in the report are: The report at Appendix A.

Policy

1. i. The previous Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson identified 'A healthy and caring Bristol' as one of his six priorities. Mental wellbeing was noted as being particularly important.
- ii. The Bristol City Council Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, Our Health and Wellbeing business plan identified Improving mental health and wellbeing as a key objective for the next five years:
“..it is as important to look after mental health as it is to ensure physical wellbeing..”

Consultation

2. Internal

Colleagues in the Clinical Commissioning Group and relevant Officers from the People and Neighbourhood Directorate were consulted on the report recommendations.

Context

3. In 2015/16 the People Scrutiny Commission identified issues around mental health as a high priority and it was agreed that a working group would be the appropriate forum for the discussion.

Working Group 1 – 08 12 15

Colleagues from a range of service areas were invited to present information on services available in Bristol. The agenda is appended to the final report.

Working Group 2 – 01 02 16

Members were provided with detailed information on the services provided in one area of Bristol - Lawrence Hill. The agenda is appended to the final report.

The full recommendations from the Working Group are found in section 4 of the final report. The headline findings can be summarised as follows;

1. There was a need to develop a Mental Health Strategy for the whole city and enhance partnership working.
2. There were a number of quick wins that the City Council could do to raise the profile of mental health at local and national level.
3. Additional steps should be taken to increase communication around the full range of mental health services available and how they could be accessed.

Proposal

4. It is recommended that the People Scrutiny Commission:

Note the update on the Mental Health Working group actions.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Risk Assessment

6. Not applicable

Public Sector Equality Duties

7 Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

None at this stage

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

None

Financial

None at this stage

Land

Not applicable.

Personnel

Not applicable.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Summary of actions

Appendix B – Mental Health Working group report

Appendix C – Action Plan update.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

None.