

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

People Scrutiny Commission

18th July 2016

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Title: Report and Recommendations of the People Scrutiny Commission 2015/16 Mental Health Working Group.

Ward: Citywide

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the People Scrutiny Commission:

1. Formally agree the report and the recommendations within. Following formal ratification Officers will be asked to create an action plan which will be monitored by the People Scrutiny Commission.
2. Refer the report to the Health and Wellbeing Board for discussion.
3. Note that the Cabinet accepted the report recommendations on the 4th July 2016.

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.

Due to the scale of provision the work focused mainly on adult mental health services and did not specifically address dementia, which was the focus of a number of existing priorities.

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 election manifesto of Mayor Marvin Rees identifies Health and Wellbeing as a priority (to view the full manifesto click [here](#)):

'We believe that good health shapes all aspects of life in the city, and that it is as important to look after mental health as it is to ensure physical wellbeing'.

The Cabinet have indicated they will prioritise mental health going forward.

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.

The working group was formed from the People Scrutiny Commission Members, chaired by Councillor Lesley Alexander – Chair of the People Scrutiny Commission 2015/16. Councillor Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People 2015/16 was also invited to attend.

The Public Health Directorate is located in the Neighbourhoods Directorate. Due to the cross over with Public Health the Chair of the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission was invited to attend the working group meetings and has been consulted on the final report.

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.

The final report will be presented for consideration to the following:

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

*The working group report was approved informally by the 2015/16 Members of the People Scrutiny Commission. In order to expedite the implementation of the recommendations the report was presented to the Mayor and Cabinet prior to formal ratification at a People Scrutiny Commission meeting. The Mayor and Cabinet welcomed the report and all recommendations were accepted.

Once the recommendations are formally accepted an action plan will be created to consider the practical implications and potential impact on policy. The action plan will be monitored by the People Scrutiny Commission.

Proposal

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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 – Report of the People Scrutiny Mental Health Working Group.