



## **Bristol Health & Wellbeing Board**

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

### **1. Purpose of this Paper**

To discuss the report and recommendations of the People Scrutiny Commission 2015/16 Mental Health Working Group, specifically the recommendations which reference the Health and Wellbeing Board (see executive summary).

At their meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> July the People Scrutiny Commission accepted the report and recommendations and referred the report to the Health and Wellbeing Board for discussion.

The report and recommendations were agreed by the Mayor and Cabinet on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

### **2. Executive 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.

Following two working group meeting a report was created which identified 13 recommendations, two of which refer to the Health and Wellbeing Board, these being:

- Recommendation 1 - Develop a Mental Health Strategy for the city, including a focus on public mental health and wellbeing, and ask the Health & Wellbeing Board to consider this as a priority within its Strategy refresh process. The strategy should take into account other recent data and intelligence.
- Recommendation 2 - Use the Mental Health Strategy as the mechanism to strengthen relationships with key partners including the Police and the Universities. One specific example was that the Health & Wellbeing Board should be asked to add representation from Avon & Somerset Constabulary to its membership.

### **3. Context**

3.1 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.

Please refer to the full report in Appendix A for further information on why mental health was prioritised.

3.2 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.

### **4. Working Groups**

Two working group meetings took place:

#### **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 report and recommendations have been agreed by:

- the Mayor and Cabinet – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- the People Scrutiny Commission – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

An action plan will be created to consider the practical implications, potential impact on policy, risks etc. The action plan will be monitored by the People Scrutiny Commission.

## **5. Key risks and Opportunities**

5.1 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 report and recommendations provided in appendix A (accepted by the Mayor and Cabinet) provide a significant and timely opportunity to drive this work forward.

5.2 The action plan referenced above will highlight potential risks.

## **6. Implications (Financial and Legal if appropriate)**

To be provided as part of the action plan.

## **7. Conclusions**

Please refer to the recommendations outlined in Appendix A – final report.

## **8. Recommendations**

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to discuss and comment on the report and recommendations of the People Scrutiny Commission 2015/16 Mental Health Working Group.

## **9. Appendices**

Appendix A - Report of the People Scrutiny Mental Health Working Group