

**HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
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MEDWAY MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY  
PROGRESS UPDATE PAPER**

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**Summary**

The report updates the Committee on the development of the Medway Mental Health Strategy. It is proposed that the draft Strategy be brought to the Committee for consideration in June 2017.

**1. Budget and Policy Framework**

- 1.1 The development of a Medway Mental Health Strategy follows a mental health workshop held on 12 October 2016. The development of a Strategy sits within Budget and Policy Framework of the Council.
- 1.2 The Council has a duty to ensure that requirements under The Care Act (2014) are met in relation not only to service users but also to carers and families to support sustainability and promote independence from service intervention and potential hospital admission. There are also a number of statutory functions met by the local authority in relation to the Mental Health Act (MHA) (1983)
- 1.3 Integrated working between health and care agencies is supported through regular liaison between Kent and Medway NHS & Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) and Medway Mental Health Social Work Service.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 At the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 28 June 2016, Members agreed unanimously to support the development of an away day or workshop on developing an integrated approach to mental health involving all relevant partners across all sectors.
- 2.2 On 12 October 2016, the Chairman of Health and Wellbeing Board hosted a whole system workshop inviting representatives from all sectors throughout the authority including third sector, education and health. The event was well-attended and positive in its outlook to the future, in total 55 people attended who represented a range of organisations, service users and carers.
- 2.3 Since the workshop, work has been undertaken to map engagement undertaken in 2014 and in October 2016. This has been closely aligned with the mental health work stream of the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), which commenced in December.
- 2.4 The Medway Mental Health Strategy, whilst providing a unique response to the mental health needs of the residents of Medway, will sit within the wider context of the evolving system-wide Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan [STP]. The Mental Health elements of the STP have been developed with full system wide engagement over a four month period. The mental health programme has successfully developed:
  - An overarching vision
  - A proposed work plan
  - A proposed set of benefits criteria
- 2.5 The Mental Health section of the STP is currently subject to ongoing review and will be included in the wider Case for Change that document that is due to be produced by the end of March 2017.
- 2.6 It is proposed that the draft Mental Health Strategy is brought to the Committee for discussion and agreement at the next meeting in June 2017.
- 2.7 An update on the development of the Mental Health Strategy is attached as Appendix 1.

## **3. Risk Management**

There are no specific risk implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

## **4. Financial implications**

- 4.1 No financial implications arise specifically from this report.

## **5. Legal implications**

- 5.1 Medway Council must ensure that they meet the social care needs of those with mental ill-health who are eligible under The Care Act (2014) and must ensure that effective safeguarding arrangements are in place to protect vulnerable Adults. Medway Council has a legal duty to ensure a sufficiency of Approved Mental Health Professionals under The Mental Health Act (1983) and has a duty to ensure that there is sufficient cover for the people of Medway 24/7. Medway Council has signed up to the Kent and Medway Mental Health Crisis Concordat and needs to ensure that it works as an effective partner in developing and delivering the Concordat requirements. No legal implications arise specifically from this report.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes and comments on the progress made in the development of the Medway Mental Health Strategy and agrees that the draft Strategy be brought to the Committee for consideration in June 2017.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Medway Mental Health Strategy – Progress Update Paper