

Progress Report on Mental Health Strategy

Last year work on a joint mental health strategy began with a stakeholder workshop identifying key themes and concerns. Since then there has been progress on developing the strategy with monthly meetings led by Ivan McConnell, Director of Strategy from Kent & Medway Partnership Trust, Public Health from Medway Council and Medway CCG.

Detailed data has been produced by Public Health, plus a strategic framework linking local needs back to the Kent and Medway STP and national requirements. A timeline of actions to deliver the strategy has also been produced and is being managed through a strategy group.

Ivan McConnell left his role last month and as such, there has been a short hiatus in reporting on progress, including not being able to bring a draft strategy to Health and Well Being in September.

Current progress:

- Strategy group set up with senior representatives from Kent & Medway Partnership Trust, Public Health, Medway Council and Medway CCG.
- A development programme for the strategy which includes:
 - National context
 - STP context
 - Local needs analysis
 - Priorities from 2016 partner and user engagement
 - Workstreams and outputs
- Red Zebra to engage with service users and carers, which will facilitate co-production with professionals.
- Public Health leading on the refresh of the JSNA chapter on mental health.
- Detailed work plan agreed to develop the strategy.

Next steps:

- Identify new lead and executive sponsor.
- Continuation of monthly strategy development meetings.
- Paper to go to JCMG in Oct around data/findings and next steps.
- Second major workshop with partners, users and carers.
- Draft strategy to February 2018 Health and Well Being Board.

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