

Local Members' Interest
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Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee – 4 March 2016

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services Working Group Final Report

Recommendation of the Working Group

1. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee consider the final report of the Working Group on Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services, and note that the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee endorsed the recommendations and agreed its submission to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing for endorsement and information.

Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manger

Reason for recommendation

2. The investigation by the Working Group into the implementation of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Staffordshire “Mental Health is Everybody’s Business” (the adult strategy), and the Strategy for Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health of Children and Young People from Birth to 18 Years Integrated Commissioning Strategy 2014-2017 is now complete and the Working Group has produced a final report and recommendations. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee, at their meeting of 2 February 2016, considered the report, endorsed the recommendations and agreed its submission to the Cabinet for information.

Report

Background

3. At its meetings of 11 August and 10 November 2014 the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee considered the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Staffordshire “Mental Health is Everybody’s Business” (the adult strategy), and the Final Draft Strategy for Emotional Wellbeing and mental Health of Children and Young people from Birth to 18 Years Integrated Commissioning Strategy 2014-2017. In both instances the Select Committee agreed establishing a working group to consider the strategies implementation in more detail.
4. On 27 March 2015 the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee wrote to the Chairman of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee outlining concerns raised at their 9 March 2015 meeting regarding child and adolescent mental health services. The letter outlined their concerns at the lack of specialist child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and post abuse therapeutic support for victims of CSE, seeking clarification on when such a service would be commissioned. It also highlighted continued concerns around waiting lists for CAMHS in Staffordshire. In her letter of

response the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee Chairman suggested these concerns could be addressed as part of this review.

Summary

5. The Working Group sought to identify the systems and practices in place to ensure the key priorities set out in both strategies are implemented and how they will be monitored. Our approach was to consider a lifetime of services from pre-natal to 60+, delivered via the two strategies. We used this approach to identify and gaps and/or areas of best practice that for further investigation, and in particular whether changes introduced by the strategies addressed identifiable gaps.

Link to the Strategic Plan

6. Ensuring that Staffordshire's residents are: able to access more good jobs and feel the benefits of economic growth; be healthier and more independent; and feel safer, happier and more supported in and by their community, are priorities for the County Council. Ensuring good emotional wellbeing and mental health is intrinsic to achieving all of these priorities.

Implications

7. The equalities and legal; resource and value for money; and risk implications are set out in the attached report.

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Appendices/Background papers

- Final Report of the Working Group