

SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER

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Subject: Sheffield Strategy for Mental Health (Draft)

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Summary:

Attached is the draft of the *Sheffield Strategy for Mental Health* developed by the Mental Health Partnership Board. This strategy covers both the promotion of good mental health and treatment and care for people with mental health problems. It builds upon on the previous city strategy for mental health, published in 2009, and the national guidance that has been published in recent years.

Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

Does the Board recognise the principles and priorities set out for the city and consider that the document as drafted will inform and guide the provision of appropriate mental health service provision over the next 5 years?

Recommendations:

That the Board endorses the work of the Mental Health Partnership Board in developing the Sheffield Mental Health Strategy, offers comments on the draft, and supports the work of the MHPB in finalising and publishing this strategy.

Background Papers:

Draft Sheffield Strategy for Mental Health

SHEFFIELD STRATEGY FOR MENTAL HEALTH (DRAFT)

1. Introduction

The draft of the *Sheffield Strategy for Mental Health* was developed by the Mental Health Partnership Board. This strategy covers both the promotion of good mental health and treatment and care for people with mental health problems. It builds upon on the previous city strategy for mental health, published in 2009, and the national guidance that has been published in recent years.

The Health and Wellbeing Board work programme on mental wellbeing is recognised and identified as a priority in this strategy, and the Mental Health Partnership Board will oversee the development and delivery of that work programme, as requested by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The strategy does not contain an action plan. Instead, the Mental Health Partnership Board (MHPB) plans to ask all mental health organisations to respond to the strategy, stating what they will do to achieve its ambitions, and to act as a forum for organisations to hold each other to account for delivery of those actions, and for users/carers to hold us all to account.

The Strategy identifies a set of core principles (p22) that should be applied in all development and change for mental health services and a set of priorities (p23-25) that commissioners and providers need to address to take Mental Health Services forward over the next 5 years.

The key priorities identified in the strategy are:

- Parity of Esteem – Equal emphasis on physical and mental health
- Promote Prevention
- Promote Mental Wellbeing
- Appropriate Response in a Crisis
- Accessible care when needed
- Seamless integrated Services

The strategy has been developed with extensive consultation with mental health service users and members of the public, who, through various media were asked *“If you could change three things about mental health services and support what would they be?”* (asking that the respondent uses their own personal experience if they could).

A survey was posted online on the NHS Sheffield CCG website (www.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk) and circulated by local partners working across the health and social care economy (primarily by Healthwatch Sheffield). This was also circulated to 626 members of the NHS Sheffield CCG, ‘Involve Me’ Public Membership Database.

A media release was issued at the beginning of the engagement period to promote involvement. This was picked up positively by the Sheffield Star who ran two articles. The survey was also promoted via social media on the CCG Facebook and twitter pages on a regular basis throughout the engagement period. Healthwatch Sheffield carried out several discussion forums both prior to and during the engagement period to gain feedback from a number of local groups. An ‘awareness stand’ was set up at the Mental Health and Wellbeing event organised by Sheffield MIND on 18 July 2014 on Fargate in the City Centre

Overall a total of 397 comments were received from the various engagement activities which were passed to the authors of the document.

2. Next Steps

Engagement and consultation

- A second phase of engagement will be carried out to ascertain views on the draft strategy over a one month period running from early December 2014 to early January 2015 and this will be publicised alongside the summary report detailing feedback from the first phase of engagement. A copy of the report will be sent directly to all respondents from the first phase of engagement that have provided their contact details along with further information as to how they can provide feedback regarding the draft strategy.
- The timing of the second phase of engagement is not ideal due to the requirement for this to take place over the Christmas period. However, it was felt to be preferable to undertake a further period of engagement focused specifically upon the content of the draft strategy to ensure that any further patient and public views could be taken into consideration before the strategy is signed off.

Document drafting

- Any feedback received from the second phase of engagement will be collated into a summary report and fed back to the MHPB. Any fundamental issues raised which indicate a need for amendment of the draft strategy will be actioned.
- The draft strategy document will be finalised and formatted for presentation to the MHPB. The finalised document will include an executive summary.

3. Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board

Does the Board recognise the principles and priorities set out for the city and consider that the document as drafted will inform and guide the provision of appropriate mental health service provision over the next 5 years?

4. Recommendations

That the Board endorses the work of the Mental Health Partnership Board in developing the Sheffield Mental Health Strategy, offers comments on the draft, and supports the work of the MHPB in finalising and publishing this strategy.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

The Mental Health Partnership Board was tasked with revising and updating the 2009 Sheffield Strategy for Mental Health and Well-Being. Through extensive consultation with mental health service users and members of the public, and discussion at Board meetings and at subgroup meetings, the Board has risen to the challenge and produced a strategy document that embraces feedback received through the consultation, whilst reflecting national policy and guidance.

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