

Subject: Mental Health and Housing

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Purpose of bringing this report to the Board	
Decision	
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	✓
Information	

Implications		Applicable Yes/No
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Alcohol	
	Mental Health & Dementia	Yes
	Obesity	
	Family	Yes
	Personal Responsibility	Yes
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Finance		
Legal		
Equalities		
Other Implications (please list)		

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?

Housing is a key determinant of Health and Wellbeing¹ - good quality housing that people with mental health issues are supported to maintain are key to their independent living and recovery.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:-
Support a review of current mental health arrangements across the partnership in relation to housing as well as a review of partnership working, which includes a focus on workforce development and empowering front-line workers.

¹ Foresight Report 2008, Five Ways to Wellbeing 2013

**To the Chair and Members of the
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

MENTAL HEALTH AND HOUSING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To brief and inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the concerns and issues in relation to mental health, emotional wellbeing and housing.
- 1.2 To highlight to the Health and Wellbeing Board the commitment of front-line workers, to build on current practises to deliver excellent services.
- 1.3 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with options to be considered and agreed in relation to mental health and housing.
- 1.4 This builds on the current work commissioned by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to review the wider mental health agenda, which is due to report in December 2013.
- 1.5 This is an opportune time for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the issues highlighted in this paper as the Housing Strategy and the Mental Health Strategy are currently in the process of being refreshed.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. This is not an exempt report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board support a review of current mental health arrangements across the partnership in relation to housing, which includes a mapping exercise to indicate gaps in service provision.
- 3.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Board support a review of partnership working, which includes a focus on workforce development and empowering front-line workers.
- 3.3 That the Health and Wellbeing Board support a delivery approach that promotes 'One Team Working' and consistent decision making that can be understood by service users and workers across the partnership.

BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Mental health is a priority for the Health and Wellbeing Board, the CCG, and the wider partnerships within the borough of Doncaster.

4.2 This in part has been driven by a number of recent serious case reviews relating to mental health care and support.

4.3 One in four British adults aged between 18-64 years old experience at least one diagnosable mental health problem in any one year, and one in six experiences this at any given time.²

4.4 Applying this prevalence to Doncaster would mean 60,000 adults per year have a diagnosed mental health problem with 40,000 at any given time.

4.5 Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust provide Doncaster's acute mental health care and currently has 2700 adults within its services.

4.6 The current basis of this paper evolved out of a Mental Health and Housing Group, which was established through a piece of work instigated by Councillor Ransome in 2012. This related to the gaps in mental health provision for people living and holding tenancies in the community who exhibit complex and chaotic behaviours.

4.7 The Mental Health and Housing Group is a specific task and finish group of the Doncaster Strategic Mental Health Alliance - it is the Alliance that supports the delivery of the Mental Health Outcome Based Accountability Template and CCG Mental Health Delivery Plan. The group includes partners across the Council including Strategic Housing, Adults and Communities, Public Health and wider partners namely the CCG, South Yorkshire Police, Probation, St Leger Homes and voluntary sector organisations. As part of the work of this group an action plan was created to start to formalise partnership arrangements and deliver better outcomes.

4.8 In October 2013, as part of the action plan a joint partnership wide workshop chaired by an independent facilitator, Bob Sanderson (Strategic Lead for Domestic Abuse), explored issues and common themes from a number of complex case studies presented by Estate Officers from St Leger Homes.

4.9 Out of this workshop there appeared to be a number of common and recurring themes, which included a lack of communication across the partnership, a lack of information sharing, a lack of consistency and uncoordinated working practises (unclear pathways) and isolated but very committed front-line workers trying to make a difference.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5. That the Health and Wellbeing Board support a review of current mental health arrangements across the partnership in relation to housing and for this review to include a mapping exercise to indicate gaps in service provision.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

6.1 That the review will support a delivery approach that promotes 'One Team Working' and consistent decision making that can be understood by service users and workers across the partnership.

² The Office for National Statistics Psychiatric Morbidity report, 2001

6.2 It is clear that without agency commitment across the partnership the impact of any changes to work practises or pathways will not deliver significant change to people with mental health and housing problems in the community.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

7. The report impacts on the following Council priorities.

	Priority Outcome	Implications of this initiative
1.	Doncaster's economy develops and thrives, underpinned by effective education and skills	People in stable accommodation are more likely to sustain employment and contribute to the local economy.
2.	Children are safe	Families in stable accommodation are more likely to provide a safe, supportive and thriving environment.
3.	Stronger families and stronger communities	Effective partnership working in respect of mental health and housing will lead to stronger communities as service pathways will be more clearly defined.
4.	Modernised and sustainable Adult Social Care Services with increased choice and control	People with mental health issues in stable accommodation can have greater control and choice over their life.
5.	Effective arrangements are in place to deliver a clean, safe and attractive local environment	People with mental health issues in stable accommodation are more likely to contribute to a thriving community that is safe.
6.	The Council is operating effectively, with change embedded and sustained with robust plans in place to operate within future resource allocations	The review will deliver a plan for future delivery partnerships for people with mental health issues.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

8.1 Recent serious case reviews have indicated issues relating to mental health and housing and unless the issues above are addressed there will be continued risk to very vulnerable people living in the borough.

8.2 Lack of commitment from partner agencies will lead to a fragmented pathway.

CONSULTATION

9. The paper has been compiled following partner-wide discussion and consultation through the Mental Health and Housing Group and a facilitated workshop that took place on 18 October 2013. Partner agencies include: Doncaster CCG, Adults and Communities, Strategic Housing, Public Health, St Leger Homes, Probation, South Yorkshire Police and Voluntary and Community Sector organisations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. The Adults Commissioning Strategy, which was agreed by Cabinet in October 2013, supports this agenda as its primary aim is to enable people to maintain their independence and remain in their own homes longer.

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