

Reading Health and Wellbeing Board: Mental Health Strategy

Meeting Date	6th October 2017
Title	Mental Health Strategy Progress Update
Purpose	To facilitate Health and Wellbeing Board discussion on the next steps regarding implementation of Mental Health Strategy, in order to inform future work.
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SUMMARY	<p>The attached paper was provided to the Berkshire West Integration Board in February 2017, when the following recommendations were supported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H&WB Board discussions on Mental Health should be undertaken in each Unitary Authority area to clarify local priorities, and approach to strategy implementation. 2. A Berkshire West Strategy Steering Group should be established with representatives linked to local governance arrangements appropriate to each area. 3. Key Berkshire West mental health projects should be included in Delivery Group monitoring, along with progress in reducing delayed transfers of care from MH Inpatient Services. N.B. this is not intended to duplicate existing reporting e.g. through the A&E Delivery Board. <p>Since February, a joint agency Mental Health Strategy Steering Group has been established to enable progress on the implementation of the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health. Progress has also been made with the establishment of a joint panel for planning support for people who are subject to section 117 of the mental health act (highlighted as an area of concern in the following paper).</p> <p>The paper is being presented to the Reading Health and Wellbeing Board in line with recommendation 1, as part of the focus on mental health at this meeting. It is structured in line with the Integration Board request to look at what is going well, what are our challenges, and</p>

	<p>recommendations about the next steps we should take to ensure mental health is appropriately included within our overall approach to integration as a system.</p> <p>There is good alignment between the priorities of the Reading Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and the attached Mental Health Strategy update. Our aim is to identify a small number of priority actions which need to be taken forward on a Berkshire-west basis, while achieving clarity about the specific pieces of work which are best addressed at a Unitary Authority level in line with local Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities.</p> <p>A summary of the requirements of the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health is provided for information.</p>
<p>ACTION REQUIRED</p>	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the information presented and provide direction regarding specific areas of concern/priority for the Reading population. (These will be collated with feedback from West Berkshire and Wokingham Health and Wellbeing Boards and brought forward into the work of the Berkshire West Strategy Steering Group.)</p> <p>Guidance regarding frequency of ongoing reporting of progress is also requested from the Health and Wellbeing Board. (It is suggested that this takes place twice yearly, and is aligned with local progress reporting on mental health initiatives)</p>