

TUESDAY 13TH JULY 2021

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY PROVISION IN TAMWORTH

PURPOSE

To update on partnership approaches to support the mental health needs of Tamworth residents

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee note the contents of the report and associated presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-23 identifies vulnerable persons and contextual safeguarding (including drugs, alcohol and mental health) as a priority and aligns with the Council purpose to help tackle the causes of inequality and increase opportunities, help tackle causes and effects of poverty and financial hardship and help build resilient communities.

We continue to work with statutory and voluntary sector partners who are responsible for the delivery of services to support the vulnerable, especially as a result of the current pandemic.

The Assistant Director Partnerships is a member of the Southeast Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Healthy Communities Partnership, initially formed to bring together key Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) partners with key NHS and local authority organisations in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The purpose of the partnership is to work to address health inequalities by working with residents through community asset based approaches (nurturing the strengths and resources of people and communities) in Southeast Staffordshire.

Tamworth is also represented by the Partnerships team on relevant Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Commissioners Office for Police Fire and Crime meetings working to address wider community safety and vulnerability concerns.

Mental health has been highlighted as a national area of concern and is a focus of need in Tamworth and is a priority across all partners.

Community Mental Health Transformation

The Midlands NHS Partnership Foundation Trust (MFPT) is an integrated organisation that provides physical and mental health, learning disabilities and adult social care services across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent and is member of the Healthy Communities Partnership.

The Trust is rolling out the Community Mental Health Framework for Adults and Older Adults (CMHF) and the NHS Long Term Plan's vision for a place-based, community mental health model, aligned with the Mercian Primary Care Network – a multi-disciplinary team of healthcare professionals working together across Tamworth to deliver joined up patient care.

The framework allows for a shift to a new model of community mental health provision, designed on an asset-based view of communities and integrated working across agencies, rather than a traditional Community Mental Health Team (CMHT) model.

The aims of the framework is to

- Improve access to psychological therapies for those with serious mental illness (SMI).
- Deliver support that is personalised and within a person's locality
- Take an asset based approach with an emphasis on self-management and recovery
- Increase the number of people receiving SMI physical health checks
- Increase the number of adults who have access to individual placement and support (IPS)
- Provide integrated models of support configured around the Primary Care Network (PCNs)
- Implement systematic best practise reviews to ensure quality of services
- Implement a whole systems pathway supported by Structured Clinical Management for people with a 'personality disorder'
- Reduce occupied bed days within Acute (hospital) Settings and a reduction in crisis contacts for people with a 'personality disorder'
- Ensure Eating Disorder provision that meets commissioning guidance across the age span

The objective of this Provision is;

- Engage directly with communities with the highest levels of inequality where the underpinning challenges are related to debt and financial instability
- Provide an opportunity for people from across the Tamworth area to access mental health services (including those that have not accessed services previously).
- Capture insight gained in a format that can be easily be shared with all stakeholders (including our communities) and contribute to the broader needs analysis

The Trust is working on a wide range of projects which include the commissioning of VCSE partners in Tamworth to deliver services and undertake consultation with the public to achieve the objectives, including commissioning the Co-Producer project which seeks to engage with people willing to share their mental health experiences in Tamworth to develop new pathways.

(Upkar Jheeta and Sue Unwin will give a short presentation on the transformation)

Support for Young People

Staffordshire County Council Families and Children's Services, as the statutory agency, commissions a wide range of mental health support services in Tamworth in conjunction with NHS providers, Staffordshire Commissioners Officer for Fire, Police and Crime and in close partnership with the voluntary sector through Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS)

Tamworth Borough Council Partnerships team work with County partners to promote and understand the provision for our communities' signposting as necessary.

An outline of services is available as Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1a – Staffordshire Children and Young People's Mental Health Support

Appendix 1b – Children and Families Support Service

Appendix 1c – Kind Minds newsletter

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