

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

CABINET – 6 MARCH, 2006

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR: ADULT SOCIAL CARE

1.0 PURPOSE

Mental well-being and services for people with mental health needs are a key responsibility of the Council and its partners, especially the NHS. This report presents the new joint Mental Health Strategy produced on behalf of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin and Telford & Wrekin PCT. It relates to the needs of adults with mental health needs aged 18 – 65 and forms part of a strategic continuum which includes the existing framework for mental health promotion and the forthcoming Older People's Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet Members are asked to:

- 2.1 Fully support, endorse and agree this strategy as the vision and direction for Adult Mental Health services with the Borough of Telford & Wrekin.**

3.0 SUMMARY

- 3.1 This strategy sets out the commissioning intentions for the Borough of Telford & Wrekin and the Primary Care Trust. It has been produced to guide the development and operation of Adult Mental Health services. The document has four main themes: the concept of recovery; the development of existing services; the introduction of new services; and, the organisational requirements to ensure an effective and efficient service.
- 3.2 The impact of the strategy will be to achieve a step change in the culture and service delivery of Adult Mental Health services. It will move from a reactive and uncoordinated model without any clear philosophical foundation into a preventative continuum of provision that is rooted in the concept of recovery and social integration. The impact upon service users will be a more responsive, effective and comprehensive local service with far less need for out of borough

provision, and real opportunity for genuine social integration and empowerment.

3.3 The strategy will achieve both National Service Framework and Social Inclusion targets and wider objectives. It will also achieve an important local corollary that by developing a model of provision that is preventative, rapid, and rehabilitative, it is intended over the medium term to be more cost effective.

3.4 The strategy sets out a range of financial implications. New services will be developed by the PCT and the Council on a phased and agreed basis, as and when resources allow. However, the service model is not solely reliant on new investment; it also sets out service delivery, cultural and design changes which need to take place.

3.5 An executive summary of the strategy is attached. A full version is available from Richard Webb, Di Hopkins or Jon Adams on request.

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5.0 INFORMATION

5.1 Equal Opportunities

The strategy is in line with the roll-out of the Council's framework for equality and diversity. Particular issues highlighted include:

- Improving the well-being of people with mental health needs and enabling them to access the same opportunities as the rest of the population
- Addressing specific issues re community cohesion through the establishment of a community development worker post, in accordance with national policy guidance

5.2 Environmental Impact

Nil

5.3 Legal Comment

Nil

5.4 Links with Corporate Priorities

All seven Community Ambitions – in particular, a community that is healthy, cared for and well housed

5.5 Financial Implications

Financial implications for 2006/07 to be met within existing PCT and Council. Developments and commitments for future years to be considered as part of medium term financial planning by both organisations.

6.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

District Wide Implications

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Not applicable

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