

## **MENTAL HEALTH TASK AND FINISH GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **1. Objectives**

- 1.1 To review access to mental health services in order to identify ways in which the patient experience may be improved in terms of early identification; timely and appropriate treatment; success of outcomes; costs and availability of information.
- 1.2 To make recommendations to appropriate organisations and partners in order to improve support for those with mental health conditions.

### **2. Background**

Adults and Health and Children's Scrutiny panels have noted that mental health has become a focus at both a national and a local level. It has frequently been a topic of discussion for both our panels and as a result of this it was decided to form a task and finish group to explore access to mental health services.

The 2017 Primary Care Survey report carried out by Healthwatch Rutland made the following conclusion in relation to Mental Health Services in Rutland *"A theme of considerable concern on the part of those experiencing the service runs through replies to questions about mental health services. These concerns need to be addressed."*

### **3. Scope/Purpose**

- 3.1 Review of the existing provision of Mental Health Services in Rutland, access to these services and outcomes for users including:
  - Demand for mental health services
  - Availability of information
  - Thresholds for service
  - Waiting times
  - Assessment
  - Length of time for treatment to start
  - Success of treatment in each service
  - Rutland specific needs assessments
- 3.2 Consultation with commissioners; providers; relevant organisations and service users in order to collate relevant evidence;
- 3.3 To collate a body of research evidence and data to inform the outcomes of the review. This will be facilitated by the provisions of

Regulation 26 Local Authority (Public Health, Health and wellbeing boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 requiring 'responsible persons' to provide a local authority with such information about the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area of the authority as it may reasonably require to discharge its health scrutiny functions.

- 3.4 Investigation into models which may be effective in prevention, timely identification and early intervention;
- 3.5 Evaluation of costs in relation to outcomes; and
- 3.6 Monitoring provision of service for those patients that choose to go outside of the Rutland area for geographical reasons.

#### **4. Roles and Responsibilities**

- 4.1 The membership of the Task and Finish Group will be Councillors' Lucy Stephenson, Nick Begy, June Fox, Rachel Burkitt, Gary Conde, William Cross and Gale Waller.
- 4.2 The Chair of the Task and Finish Group will be Councillor Lucy Stephenson (Chair of Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel).
- 4.3 Corporate Support and Scrutiny Officer will provide administration support when required.
- 4.4 Mark Andrews (Deputy Director for People) will be kept informed on the process of the Groups progress and will coordinate with the Chair the officer support and information the Group will require.

#### **5. Key Milestones**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Provisional Dates</b>
Agreement of Terms of Reference	8 February 2018 (Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel)
Information gathering	January to July 2018
Consultation	TBC
Development of Recommendations	July 2018 – September 2018
Report to Scrutiny	October/November 2018
Report to Council (If applicable)	January 2019