



ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023

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| REPORT TITLE: | CHESHIRE AND WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION TASK AND FINISH |
| REPORT OF: | DIRECTOR OF CARE AND HEALTH |

REPORT SUMMARY

On 14 June 2022 the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee was presented with a report by the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership on Mental Health Transformation.

The report which provided a background and summary of the activity undertaken within Cheshire and Wirral in respect of delivering the NHS Long Term Plan ambitious targets for community mental health. It was reported that on both a national and local scale, community mental health services needed to be modernised. The community transformation framework consisted of a new place based multi-disciplinary service which joined health and social care and community, voluntary and faith sector organisations.

In response to queries from members, the Chair of the Adults Social Care and Public Health Committee suggested a task and finish session be set up to feed back into the consultation phase. The Task and Finish Session was held in May 2023 and the outcome of this is detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

This report supports the delivery of the Wirral Plan 2021-2026 and is linked to the following themes of the Plan:

- Brighter Futures
- Active and Healthy Lives

The report affects all wards. It is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is recommended to note the contents to the report and request a further update report come to a future committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 Work has been undertaken to ensure that the Community Mental Health (CMH) Transformation programme meets the ambitions of the NHS Long Term Plan and most importantly local population needs. The programme involves the work of many organisations (and patients and carers too) wanting change for others.
- 1.2 Additionally, the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is charged by council to undertake responsibility for, or to be consulted on and respond to substantial changes to local health service provision, including assessing the impact on the local community and health service users.
- (i) scrutinise the impact of interventions on the health of local inhabitants, particularly socially excluded and other minority groups, with the aim of reducing health inequalities;
 - (ii) maintain an overview of health service delivery against national and local targets, particularly those that improve the public's health;
 - (iii) mental health services; and
 - (iv) preventative and response services, including those concerning domestic violence.
- 1.3 As such, input and feedback from Members of the Adults Social Care and Public Health Committee forms part of this transformation work.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This task and finish session was requested by the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee as part of its function, which incorporated the assessment of outcomes, review of effectiveness and formulation of recommendations to the Council, partners and other bodies, which includes mental health services. Members felt the subject was sufficiently important as to warrant further consideration over concerns raised at committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At Committee in June 2022, Members queried the delivery and the inclusive community based offer and as such, the Chair suggested a task and finish group to receive an update and feed into the transformation programme.
- 3.2 The full committee minutes are detailed below,

The Deputy Chief Executive of Cheshire and Wirral partnership (CWP) introduced the report which provided a background and summary of the activity undertaken within Cheshire and Wirral in respect of delivering the NHS Long Term Plan ambitious targets for community mental health. It was reported that on both a national and local scale, community mental health services needed to be

modernised. The community transformation framework consisted of a new place based multi-disciplinary service which joined health and social care and community, voluntary and faith sector organisations. This aligned to the primary care network and broke down the artificial barriers between primary and secondary care and focussed not only on diagnosis but also the complexities that individuals presented with.

It was outlined that the transformation created opportunity for joined up care and a whole person approach which would ensure that individuals had access to mental health care when and where they needed it to help them to manage their own condition and move towards recovery on their own terms. The Cheshire and Wirral Community Wellbeing Alliance had been developed which was a representation of a range of partners that had come together to ensure that people across Wirral and Cheshire had good mental health support. Within Wirral, 34 organisations had joined the alliance and a number of grants had been awarded to build upon and enhance local community assets.

The community mental health transformation was a long term transformation programme which would span a number of years. It was recognised that there was still much more work to be done but CWP were pleased with the engagement of partners up to this point.

A discussion ensued with members querying the limited support for patients with mental health in the community and how to get from the current position to the service that is envisaged. The Deputy Chief Executive of CWP outlined that members had identified the core issues and reasons why the transformation programme was being implemented, there had been engagement with primary care networks across Wirral and CWP were keen to engage with primary care and the general public to ensure that the model was correct. It was reported that Health Education England had provided training and development around psychological interventions and CWP had linked in with education establishments for a pipeline of nurses, occupational therapists and other allied health professionals. It was recognised that services needed to modernise and transform and that there were national challenges around workforce.

The Committee was informed of services available to those in crisis who had threatened to commit suicide, a 24 hour crisis line that was open which was staffed by qualified nurses and practitioners and that there had been great feedback from this service. The police may also be involved to ensure that the individual is taken to a place of safety so that an assessment of needs could be undertaken and there was a crisis team that could go and support this process. It was highlighted that the long term transformation plan had a specific focus around suicide prevention.

In response to queries from members on the inclusive community based offer, it was reported that CWP had been working with third sector colleagues as those

organisations could have greater connectivity in the community and could enhance inclusivity. CWP delivered services that were sensitive to people's backgrounds, but it was accepted that some groups were higher risk, and assurance was given that the services could adapt to support.

The Chair urged the committee to remember that this was a transformation programme and suggested a task and finish group be set up to feed back into the consultation phase.

On a motion by the Chair, Seconded by Councillor O'Hagan it was

Resolved That –

(1) the proposed change be scrutinised and the impact on the local community and health service users be considered.

(2) where appropriate, requests for “one-system” (do once, do well) be supported.

(3) the vision as detailed in the report be supported and championed.

(4) a task and finish group be established to provide feedback to the consultation phase.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information purposes only and there are no direct financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is charged to undertake the Council's responsibilities for scrutiny as stated in the Health Social Care Act 2006, including to be consulted on and respond to substantial changes to local health service provision, including assessing the impact on the local community and health service users.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

This report is for information purposes only and there are no direct financial implications.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Failure to properly consider the impact of local health service provision would mean that the Committee does not properly discharge its function for scrutiny as stated in the Health Social Care Act 2006.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

By requesting an update from Cheshire Wirral Partnership and undertaking the task and Finish, Members have the opportunity to feed into the transformation plan. It also provides Members with the assurance that consultation is being undertaken with the public, clinicians and providers.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity.

The CMH Transformation Team works with Business Intelligence teams within CWP, Wirral CCG and Cheshire CCG to create Transformation Data Packs at 'place-based' level. The Data Packs include a full range of demographic data to ensure that service transformation is delivered in a way that does not discriminate anyone and supports inclusion at every opportunity.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

The Wirral Plan includes five themed areas. One of which is focused on creating a 'Sustainable Environment', which outlines the Council's ambitions and priorities for tackling the climate emergency. These are based on developing and delivering action plans that will improve the environment for Wirral residents. Wirral Council is committed to working with partners to ensure that consideration is given to Environment and Climate implications.

This task and finish session was held online, which reduced CO2 emissions.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information purposes and as such there are no direct community wealth implications, however, it should be noted that Community mental health transformation has at its heart, the support for people within their own communities.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Task and Finish Outcome

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cheshire and Wirral Community Mental Health Transformation Committee Report 14 June 2022

Alliance Engagement Report February 2022

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

| Council Meeting | Date |
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| Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee | 14 June 2022 |