

## **Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee**

**13 September 2017**

### **Update on the Joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Southwark**

#### **1. Background**

1.1 On 2 March 2016, the Education and Children's Services sub-committee and the Healthy Communities sub-committee carried out a joint enquiry into the development of the Joint Mental Health Strategy and Wellbeing Strategy for Southwark. A joint report was produced as an outcome of this work. This included a detailed set of recommendations for both Southwark Council and Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to consider during the development of a Southwark Joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. These recommendations have been considered and were responded to by Cabinet on 13 December 2016.

See Appendix 1 for the draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Appendix 2 for the OSC recommendations and where this has been picked up in the strategy.

#### **2. The Joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020**

2.2 In August 2016, Southwark Council and CCG jointly commissioned a specialist external consultant, Contact Consulting, to undertake consultation and drafting of a Joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Southwark. Contact Consulting started in September 2016 and submitted a 1<sup>st</sup> iteration of the Strategy at end March 2017. From June to August, the draft strategy was taken through three further versions by in-house partnership commissioners to arrive at a final draft which has gone out to a period of engagement with the public from 8 August to 10 September 2017.

#### **3. Engagement**

3.1 A range of engagement approaches have been used to capture the insights of service users, carers, as well as professionals across health, council and the local voluntary and community sector. Methods included patient stories and user journeys, engagement events, Community Councils, Patient Participation Groups (PPG) in general practice settings, interviews and through social media including Facebook and Twitter (#Southwarkwellbeing).

3.2 Two large-scale "open space" listening events took place in November 2017, attended by 150 key stakeholders from across health (including South London and the Maudsley (SLaM) NHS Foundation Trust) and social care, with the active participation of service users and carers and those with a lived experience of living with mental ill-health in Southwark.

3.3 A further large-scale public engagement event will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September to receive feedback on the final draft of the strategy prior to consideration by Healthy Communities sub-committee on 13<sup>th</sup> September and Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Engagement underway is currently live via the Consultation Hub and has been distributed widely amongst Southwark networks.

#### **4. Strategic Priorities**

4.1 A broad range of themes from these engagement activities were cross-referenced with the recommendations of the sub-committees and against interdependent local strategies to ensure strategic alignment. Our five strategic priorities are:

1. Prevention and promotion of wellbeing;
2. Community based care and activating communities;
3. Improving clinical and care services;
4. Improving recovery; and
5. Improving quality and outcomes.

4.2 Our strategic priorities are based on feedback from engagement with professionals, service users and carers within Southwark and reflect the main issues that people have raised in relation to improved mental health and wellbeing in Southwark.

4.3 Each of these priorities will require a number of actions to be carried out in order to achieve improvement. Some of these actions may require investment, and others will require us to work with partners to develop new ways of working, new approaches to commissioning and to engaging with the public and partners across Southwark.

#### **5. Governance**

5.1 A Strategy Reference Group was established in October 2016 and includes representation across health and social care commissioning; Public Health; Health Watch; and lead Cabinet and Scrutiny members for Health and Social Care. Strategic alignment was agreed at the Joint Commissioning Strategy Committee in October 2017.

5.2 The engagement approach was endorsed by the Engagement Advisory Board in November 2016, which has representation from Southwark Council's Community Participation Team and Southwark CCG Engagement Team and GP clinical leads.

5.3 The Strategy will go to the Healthy Communities Scrutiny Sub-committee on 13 September. The CCG's Governing Body will receive the strategy on 14 September, the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 October and Cabinet on 31 October. A governance timetable can be viewed in Appendix 3.

## **6. Next Steps**

6.1 The draft Joint Wellbeing & Mental Health Strategy is open for consultation from 8 August – 10 September 2017 and the feedback will be analysed and considered for inclusion in the final strategy document. The online consultation hub link can be accessed here - [southwark.gov.uk/mentalwellbeing](http://southwark.gov.uk/mentalwellbeing)

6.2 Further work will be required to translate the actions set out in the strategy into implementation over the next three years. The Strategy will be owned by the Partnership Commissioning Team of NHS Southwark CCG and Southwark Council.

6.3 The stakeholder engagement event on 11 September will invite those members back who originally inputted into the Listening Events in November 2016. Further stakeholders including vulnerable and hard to reach community groups will be engaged with further. Service users and carers will also have the opportunity to become involved in overseeing implementation of the strategy.

6.4 The strategy is on the forward plan for Cabinet on 31 October 2017 and it is anticipated that this will be the final decision making board for the strategy. Implementation of the action plan will be owned by the Partnership Commissioning Team of the Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

## **7. Recommendations**

5.1 It is recommended that Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Consider and comment on the final draft of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy with feedback to be included in and inform the final version; and
- (2) Endorse the draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Cabinet consideration on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

