

Leeds Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025

Date: 11th July 2023

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

- Being a mentally healthy city for everyone is a vision set out in the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy. To achieve this vision, a Leeds Mental Health Strategy (2020-2025) was developed. This is for all ages and aims to ensure that activity across children's and adult services, across both prevention and treatment and in community settings and hospitals, can be better aligned and have the greatest impact on people's lives.
- In March 2023, the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board agreed to hold a working group meeting to consider the current position surrounding the delivery of this Strategy, with a view to also identifying key areas that would potentially benefit from more focused scrutiny work during the 2023/24 municipal year.
- The former Scrutiny Board particularly recognised the importance of health and social care systems scaling up the prevention offer and acknowledged the significant benefits to potentially arise from the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme. It was therefore recommended that the successor Scrutiny Board undertakes a more focused piece of work aimed at assisting the successful delivery of this programme.
- However, it was recommended that the successor Scrutiny Board also monitors progress with the Strategy more generally during the 2023/24 municipal year.
- The Scrutiny Board therefore agreed to use its July meeting to receive an update on the Strategy, which is set out in the appended briefing paper.

Recommendations

Members are requested to consider and provide any comment on the appended briefing paper in relation to the Leeds Mental Health Strategy (2020-2025).

What is this report about?

- 1 In March 2023, the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board agreed to hold a working group meeting to consider the current position surrounding the delivery of this Strategy, with a view to also identifying key areas that would potentially benefit from more focused scrutiny work during the 2023/24 municipal year. This meeting was held on 9th March 2023.
- 2 A summary of the main issues and key conclusions arising from this working group meeting was considered during the Scrutiny Board's formal meeting on 21st March 2023. A copy of this summary document is attached as Appendix A. In consideration of this summary note, the Scrutiny Board had formally endorsed the content and key conclusions, including the recommendations for the successor Scrutiny Board to continue closely monitoring general progress with the Strategy, as well as undertaking a more focused piece of work that aims to assist in the successful delivery of the new Community Mental Health Transformation Programme.
- 3 The Scrutiny Board agreed to use its July meeting to receive an update on the Strategy in general, alongside more focused information surrounding the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme. This has been provided by lead health and care partner representatives and is set out in the attached briefing paper.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 4 The former Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board formally recommended that the successor Scrutiny Board continues to closely monitor general progress with the Leeds Mental Health Strategy (2020-2025), as well as undertaking a more focused piece of work that aims to assist in the successful delivery of the new Community Mental Health Transformation Programme.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 5 Being a mentally healthy city for everyone is a vision set out in the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Leeds Mental Health Strategy (2020-2025) was developed with the aim of achieving this vision.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 6 The former Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board held a working group meeting on 9th March 2023 and welcomed the opportunity to engage with Senior Responsible Officers (SROs) linked to the eight priorities set out within the Leeds Mental Health Strategy, as well as those with an Implementation Lead role relating to the three additional workstreams linked to the Strategy. Further details are set out within the working group summary note in Appendix A.
- 7 Lead health and care partner representatives have also been invited to attend today's meeting to present the attached briefing paper and address any further questions from Board Members.

What are the resource implications?

8 Any related resource implications will be reflected as part of the appended briefing paper.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

9 Any related risk management implications will be reflected as part of the appended briefing paper.

What are the legal implications?

10 This report has no specific legal implications.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board. Leeds Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025 - Working Group Summary (March 2023).
- Appendix B – A briefing paper updating the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board on the delivery of the Leeds Mental Health Strategy (2020-2025).

Background papers

- None