

ADULT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – WITNESS SESSION 2

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REASON FOR ITEM

To develop the first witness session on how mental health services are delivered jointly through the Council and Central and North West London Foundation Trust (CNWL). The second witness session will examine local strategies and partnerships in relation to adult mental health issues and assess whether there are any barriers to successful partnership working.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

To question the witnesses in relation to mental health provision in Hillingdon and to address the following lines of enquiry:

- local strategies – translating policy into practice
- partnership working
- enhancing joint working

INFORMATION

1. The Committee is responsible for undertaking the ‘policy overview’ role in relation to Social Services, Health and Housing. This role is outlined at the start of the agenda.
2. Previous experience from both Hillingdon and other Councils indicates that the Committee can have the greatest impact by focusing on a particular topic at one or several meetings.

BACKGROUND

3. At the 31 July 2012 meeting, the Policy and Overview Committee agreed through a scoping report the lines of enquiry to be pursued and the broad structure of the review of adult community mental health services.
4. Members are aware from the Scoping Report that current services deliver a range of community services to support people’s recovery and social inclusion.

PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

One of the key policy and practice challenges is to shift resources away from institutional care towards more community-based options.

5. At this meeting there will be four presentations from:

- Hillingdon MIND on partnership working with the Council, Primary Care Trust and other relevant groups and funders.
- Rethink on partnership working between carers and key agencies
- Housing officers about housing needs and accommodation options for persons with mental health needs and how they can support recovery.
- The Borough Director CNWL and colleagues giving examples of how the Council's leisure and recreation services can contribute to recovery and social inclusion

There will also be opportunities for Members to:

- enquire further about the preliminary evidence provided by questioning witnesses from the Council, CNWL and key voluntary sector partners. At this point the Committee may wish to identify additional information to assist them; and
- discuss and plan anticipated visits by member during October where it will be possible to meet a range of service users and carers and see first hand some of the services they can access.

6. The following witnesses are anticipated at the meeting:

- Robyn Doran – Director of Operations CNWL
- Sandra Brookes – Borough Director CNWL
- Moira Wilson – Interim Deputy Director – London Borough of Hillingdon
- Alan Coe – Mental Health Consultant (LBH)
- Gill Patel – Hillingdon MIND
- Angela Manners – Rethink – a mental health and carers organisation
- Neil Stubbings – Head of Housing / Deputy Director – London Borough of Hillingdon and colleagues

LINES OF ENQUIRY

It is expected that this meeting and subsequent Councillor visits will cover following lines of enquiry:

PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Partnership Working

1. How well developed are local strategies and partnerships with regard to adult mental health issues? This was partly covered in the first witness session. (see Information Pack 2 from previous meeting)
2. Are there any barriers to successful partnership working?

Information and support for users and carers

3. What information, support and advice is available to those that may need it? How can this be improved?
4. What treatment and support and recovery services are available?
5. What support is available for the carers of adults with mental health issues? Is this support sufficient/ how could this be improved?

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- To assist members and support both the presentation and questions to witnesses, a copy of the scoping report is attached for information.

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Question the witnesses, adding supplementary questions as appropriate.
