

**Report to** Cabinet  
5 February 2014  
**Report of** Executive head of strategy, people and democracy  
**Subject** Mental health

**Item**

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### **Purpose**

To consider a range of actions following a recently agreed council motion.

### **Recommendation**

- (1) To sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge and the Time to Change pledge.
- (2) To designate the Leader as the council's mental health champion and the Executive head of strategy, people and democracy as the council's lead officer for mental health.
- (3) To agree that where it is achievable within the policy and budget framework and relevant to local need that the council will:
  - follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy
  - reduce inequalities in mental health services in our community;
  - work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support and request that the Norwich Clinical Commissioning Group re-commission some of its mental health services to those with a community and local element;
  - promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on public mental health;
  - tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community;
  - proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.
- (4) To write a letter of support to the newly established staff-led campaign to save mental health services in Norfolk and Suffolk.

### **Corporate and service priorities**

The report helps to meet all the council's corporate priorities.

### **Financial implications**

There are no direct financial implications of this report.

**Ward/s:** All wards

**Cabinet member:** Councillor Arthur – Leader of the Council

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**Background documents**

None

# Report

## Background

1. On the 26 November Council resolved to ask Cabinet to:
  - '1) sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds;
  - 2) appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council;
  - 3) identify a 'lead officer' for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council;
  - 4) follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council's work and local needs;
  - 5) work to reduce inequalities in mental health services in our community;
  - 6) work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support and request that the Norwich Clinical Commissioning Group re-commission some of its mental health services to those with a community and local element;
  - 7) promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on public mental health;
  - 8) tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community;
  - 9) proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health;
  - 10) sign up to the Time to Change pledge; and
  - 11) write a letter of support to the newly established staff-led campaign to save mental health services in Norfolk and Suffolk.'

## Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge

2. The Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge was set up by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and Young Minds. The challenge is funded by the Department of Health through the Mental Health Strategic Partnership.
3. The challenge recognizes the key role local authorities have in implementing mental health strategy and improving mental health in their communities and encourages local authorities to take a proactive approach to the issue.
4. The challenge aims for all upper tier local authorities to sign up to the challenge and deliver ten key actions (the first ten points agreed in the council motion in November).
5. While many of these actions are more specifically focused on upper tier authorities (unitary and county councils) due to their responsibilities for public health and social care they are also relevant to district councils. In particular they provide a framework for promoting mental health across the council's functions and fit well with the council's equality strategy in regards

to tackling discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity and the council's wider work with partners on health and wellbeing e.g. Healthy Norwich. Evidence shows that mental health is a significant issue in Norwich and the council is already carrying out a range of work with partners. For example the council is currently working with the Norwich Clinical Commissioning Group and other partners on developing some specific projects focused on people experiencing issues with self harm in Norwich, utilising some external funding.

6. The report, therefore, asks Cabinet to agree a series of recommendations to take forward the actions set out by the challenge where it is achievable within the policy and budget framework and relevant to local need.

#### **Staff-led campaign to save mental health services in Norfolk and Suffolk**

7. The Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Mental Health Trust are working on delivering savings of £40 million out of a budget of £220million by 2016. This is expected to result in a reduction in available bed numbers of approximately 20% as part of a significant redesign of services related to improving access to community care. There have also been a number of concerns raised about the performance of some services provided by the Trust. A staff group campaign has been established to challenge the planned changes and re-organisation.
8. On the 27 January 2014 Norfolk County Council's cabinet decided to take back the social care service for adults with mental health issues that had previously been commissioned through the Trust due to concerns that the service is not delivering the outcomes required to ensure a modernised system of care of Norfolk.
9. In addition to the submission of a letter, officers would, therefore, liaise with the County Council, the Trust and other partners to develop a more detailed understanding of the very latest position and the potential impact on services to residents in Norwich.

## Integrated impact assessment



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City Council

### Report author to complete

<b>Committee:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Committee date:</b>	5 February 2014
<b>Head of service:</b>	Russell O'Keefe
<b>Report subject:</b>	Mental Health
<b>Date assessed:</b>	January 2014
<b>Description:</b>	To consider a range of actions following a recently agreed council motion.

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act</u> 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The recommendations would support health and wellbeing in Norwich.
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Eliminating discrimination &amp; harassment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The recommendations would support eliminating discrimination and harassment in Norwich.
<b>Advancing equality of opportunity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The recommendations would support advancing equality of opportunity in Norwich.
<b>Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Natural and built environment</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Waste minimisation &amp; resource use</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Pollution</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Sustainable procurement</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Energy and climate change</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Risk management</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Recommendations from impact assessment
Positive
Negative
Neutral
Issues