

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	<b>Children, Adults, Health &amp; Wellbeing Policy Development &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b>	
MEETING DATE:	<b>13 July 2021</b>	<b>11</b>
TITLE:	<b>Community Mental Health Services Framework</b>	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None		

### **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 The report describes the implementation of the Community Mental Health Services Framework across BSW and locally within Bath and North East Somerset. The report describes the model, the priorities and the funding available to deliver this significant transformation.
- 1.2 In the NHS Long Term mental health services are a key priority and this framework is focused transforming the model for community mental health services for people aged 16+.
- 1.3 The framework implementation is being led by BSW (Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire) Clinical Commissioning Group and will create a very different way of working. It is an exciting opportunity to transform the way community mental health services are delivered, creating a new model of mental health care in our communities with joined-up services and an approach which is focussed on the needs of the whole population and which supports the development of Primary Care Networks (PCN) and personalised care.

### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

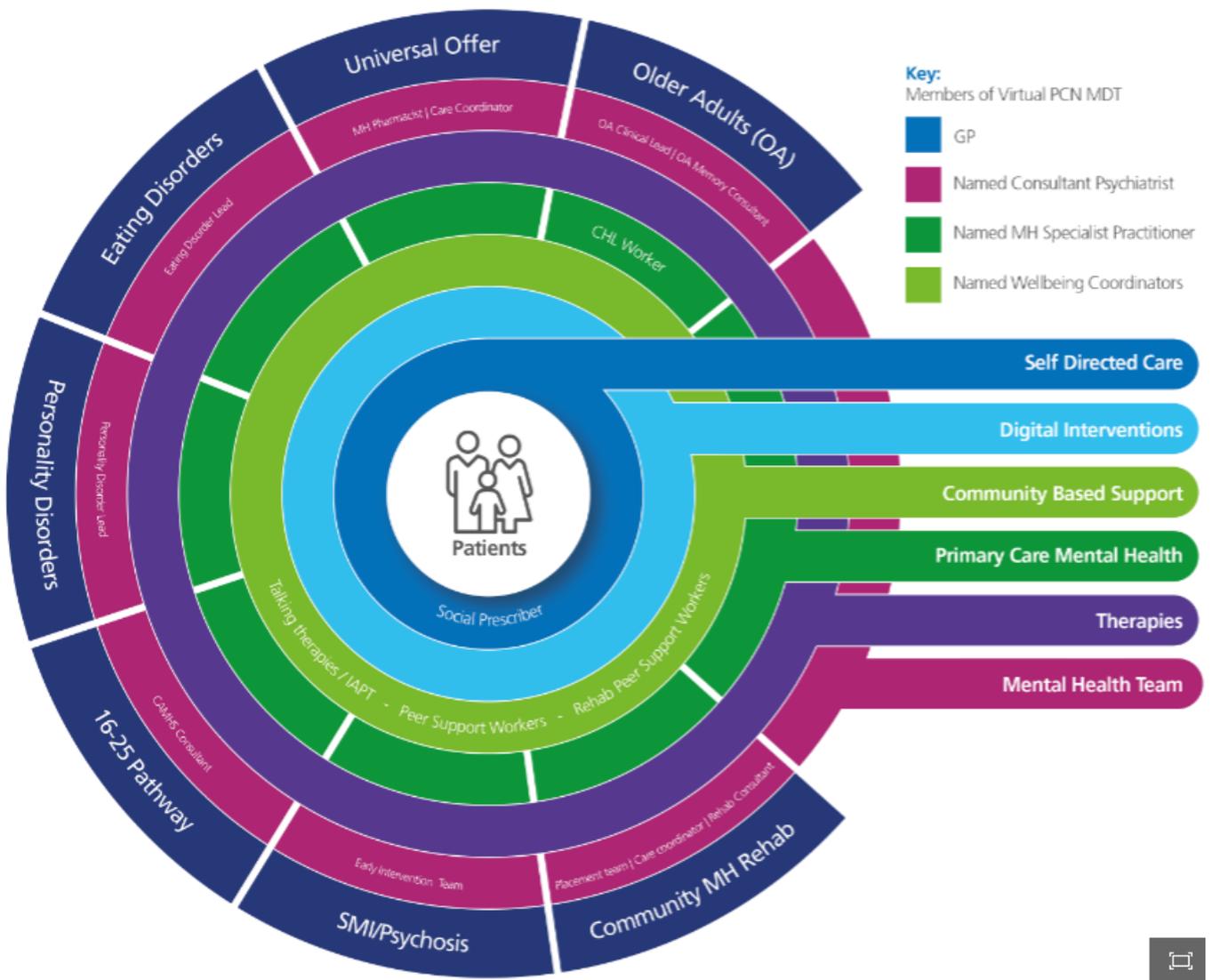
#### **The Panel is asked to.**

- 2.1 Note the progress on the implementation of the Community Mental Health Services Framework across BSW and locally within Bath and North East Somerset.

### 3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 There is a recognition nationally and across BSWCCG on the need to improve mental health services. There is a need to improve early access and make getting support easier for people. The experience of the pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns has increased demand for mental health services.
- 3.2 There has been an increase in emotional wellbeing presentations, with increased anxiety in communities – including parental and family anxiety. The impact of the wider determinants of mental health such as housing, employment, family breakdown, bereavement have also impacted on demand for services. There has been an increase in the acuity across all ages and all services with a particular increase in children and young people experiencing eating disorders and psychosis.
- 3.3 There is a national shortage of in-patient beds and this is reflected locally. There are significant workforce issues, with high levels of vacancies and difficulty recruiting staff. All these issues mean that there is a need to transform at pace.
- 3.4 There has been very positive work across Bath and North East Somerset during the pandemic, including the refocusing of the Wellbeing House to provide step up and step down, with 77 people supported to date; Intensive Outreach Support provided by Bath Mind, the Community Well Being Hub and Bath and North East Somerset Council inviting providers to participate in whole-system design for the provision of specialist mental health outreach / community support, supported living and residential care which will align with the implementation of the community services framework.
- 3.5 To meet the transformation challenge there is £10m new money across BSW over the next three years and the system response has been to bring partners and localities together to co-design the response to the National Community Mental Health Services Framework to meet the needs of local people and support them in their local communities

3.5 Across BSW the new model of service is depicted below.



3.6 The key areas of improvement are described below: -



3.7 There are three system priorities for 2021/22.

3.8 The first is to build a new workforce by the implementation of the named wellbeing coordinator roles across Primary Care Networks, investment into Clinical Associate Psychologist trainee posts and investment in key leadership structures.

3.9 The second priority is to pilot the new model from Quarter 1 and key to this is building trust and confidence in the Primary Care Network (PCN) and provider relationships. There are seven PCNs across BSW who will work more closely with the BSWCCG to pilot the new model and in Bath and North East Somerset the two PCNs involved are Heart of Bath and Bath Independents. The focus will be improving the advice and guidance pathway and understanding the impact of existing practices in relation to mental health formulary and shared care prescribing.

3.10 The third priority is the development of the Personality Disorder, Eating Disorder, 16-25 and older adult pathways

3.11 Implementation of the framework is a transformation priority for Bath and North East Somerset and the Council have secured project management capacity to support this work.

3.12 Our local governance arrangements include the re-launching of the Mental Health Collaborative as the delivery group responsible for embedding collaborative working in Bath and North East Somerset. This will progress the Community Services Framework implementation. A series of task and finish groups will sit underneath the Collaborative to support local implementation. Our proposed task

and finish groups include student population, asset mapping and co-production. The Collaborative will regularly report into the Bath & North East Somerset Integrated Care Alliance, the Health and Well Being Board, Scrutiny and the Social Care Transformation Board

3.13 The responsibilities locally are:

- Coordination of the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector elements
- Asset mapping  
We have already begun the work of mapping our locality assets to support the model at the Primary Care Network phase and have established a task and finish group to progress this.
- Co-production and engagement (some of this will be system-wide)  
Healthwatch Wiltshire and Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living have agreed to run co-production events in each of the 3 localities in June and July. Following these events, a task and finish group is developing our locality approach, but we continue to collaborate and engage with partners and people with lived experience and their carers and have strong representation on the Collaborative.

## **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1 Consideration needs to be given to the Mental Health Act, Mental Capacity Act, the Care Act. People with mental health issues are adversely impacted by a range of health inequalities and any developments must include addressing of such inequalities.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

5.1 Funding is provided across BSW and there are no financial implications for the Council.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

6.2 Given the current workforce challenges the ability to recruit to new posts is a risk. Given the nature of the workforce there is also a risk that existing staff will be attracted to the new posts thus destabilising existing services.

## **7 EQUALITIES**

7.1 Ensuring that the implementation of the framework is equitable is a priority, particularly in relation to those 'seldom heard from groups' in Bath and North East Somerset. The Collaborative will include an equality 'critical friend' role to ensure ourselves that we are not only focussing our attention on those 'seldom heard' groups but also continue to consider the impact of BAME and LGBTQ groups. This is especially important when thinking about impact of mental ill health on these groups of individuals.

## 8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 Services provided closer to home with reduce the impact on the environment by reducing travel. A focus on support within communities will further reduce the impact on the environment.

## 9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

## 10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The Principle Social Workers and the Mental Health Commissioning Manager Have been consulted

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