

# North Somerset Council

## REPORT TO THE ADULT SERVICES AND HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL

**DATE OF MEETING: 21 NOVEMBER 2014**

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: NORTH SOMERSET PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY**

**TOWN OR PARISH: ALL**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING:**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the panel note the report and make comments on the attached draft strategy.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report presents to the panel the draft North Somerset Public Mental Health Strategy for comment as part of the consultation process on the strategy.

#### 2. POLICY

- 2.1 There is no national legal or policy requirement to have a public mental health strategy. Having such a strategy will however contribute to the council and partners response to the significant challenges it faces in the area of mental health across the district and in the delivery of the council's Public Health Strategy and Implementation Plan 2013-15.

#### 3. DETAILS

- 3.1 The strategy describes how North Somerset Council, North Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership and other key partners will work together to develop positive mental health and wellbeing for the population of North Somerset. It does not cover mental health services themselves. They are part of other strategies and policies.
- 3.2 The strategy has been developed by a steering group. The members of the steering group are included in Appendix A of the strategy.
- 3.3 The strategy builds on the work of the North Somerset Director of Public Health report for 2014 which was presented to the panel earlier in the year. The focus of this report was the issue of public mental health.

#### 4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The strategy is out for consultation from November 2014 to January 2015. Service users, carers and relevant voluntary sector organisations and other providers will be notified of the consultation and asked for their comments. The council's e-consult system is being used, as will existing engagement mechanisms supported by the council, CCG and HealthWatch. The strategy is also being considered by the Health Overview Scrutiny panel.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

## **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 An effective public mental health strategy will assist the council and its partners to address the challenges in the area of mental health in the district and deliver its public health outcomes set out in the North Somerset Council Public Health Strategy and Implementation Plan 2013-15.

## **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 None.

## **8. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 None.

## **9. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 None.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1- North Somerset Public Mental Health Strategy