

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	25 September 2018
Subject:	Working Together to Create Safe, Well Communities – Policing and Mental Health Development Plan

Summary:

This report (presented in summary format) was commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner to establish opportunities for collaboration between mental health and policing. It highlights opportunities for effective use of system resources; collegiate decision making and sustainable effective actions to reduce the demand on policing from mental health; with benefits for the entire health and social care system.

All actions within the report have been considered against system impact, inclusive of public health and policing outcome measures. The report was produced prior to the crisis care concordat multi-agency review; it is advised that both documents are reviewed together, as they are mutually supportive.

Actions Required:

The Board is asked to demonstrate support for the proposed opportunities; and to specifically consider the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in strategic oversight.

1. Background

Mental health is a growing national issue. 20-40% of demand on police activity is attributed to mental health related incidents each year (House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, 2015). In Lincolnshire, 87% of 2800 recorded mental health related police call outs involved people already known to mental health services. Our commissioning response has included two adult Section 136 suites, a mental health triage car and mental health nurses in the force control room to divert these calls for police intervention to appropriate health-led support.

Whilst Lincolnshire organisations have grasped opportunities to create some innovative and successful solutions, more needs to be done to bring those existing initiatives together to create a coherent, integrated and measurable programme of work.

Working together to tackle some of our most complex challenges will improve community safety through crime reduction, improve mental well-being and contribute significantly to the de-escalation of acuity in the health environment.

Health and Justice Commissioners will benefit from the associated cost reductions. The longitudinal quality impact on our communities will include increased feelings of safety and experience associated with co-ordinated public sector response.

As a County, we have a long history of working together to improve services. Local commissioning has included 2 adult Section 136 suites, a mental health triage car and Mental Health Nurses in the Force Control Room to support crisis response. Our health sector has already identified and commenced transformation in pathways which focus on treating people, rather than conditions, and stepping away from fragmented health services, favouring a commissioning approach which considers the persons journey through the health and social care environment.

In October 2016, Professor Sir Bruce Keogh described the relationship between health and social influences on offending and re-offending behaviour as “complex”. He suggested that [health and criminal justice systems] together should “grasp opportunities” for integrated working to prevent both offending and re-offending. In June this year, the Independent Commission on Mental Health and Policing (Adebowale, 2017) recommended greater integration in operational working between the NHS and policing.

Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner has engaged with local partners to establish opportunities for cohesive working, and achieve high impact outcomes for Lincolnshire; including the reduction of mental health demand on policing. In collaboration we have produced a development plan which will provide some high impact interventions, to springboard our continuous development of this work programme with our stakeholders

2. Conclusion

The report supports a community collaborative approach to:

- Increased focus on crime prevention activity through use of intelligence and early intervention;
 - Working with partners to help resolve the issues of individuals who cause recurring problems and crime in the communities they live in;
 - Supporting multi-agency neighbourhood projects that build more cohesive communities and solve local problems (where police do not play a central role);
 - Working with partners to establish joint technological solutions, enabling the transfer of learning between agencies Moving to a place-based approach to commissioning services in response to threat, harm, risk and vulnerability.
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- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has engaged with partners to identify and develop opportunities for collaborative, high impact actions. The

proposed detailed opportunities in the report are presented as a result of those interactions.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The proposed activity within the development plan has been based upon the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Lincolnshire as a key reference, cross referenced with national best practice guidance for working collaboratively as a system in targeting both crime and health issues, where objectives meet.

The plan will support our health and policing communities to work together in addressing the issues highlighted in the JSNA, and in collaboration with the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority on Mental Health (Adults).

A workshop on the 6th September between all strategic partners will result in a work programme which aligns initiatives with existing workstreams to enable effective utilisation of skills and system resources; this includes our JSNA development and public health leaders.

4. Consultation

5.

The document has been developed through active engagement with all partners listed within. It has since been shared with Clinical Commissioning Groups; the STP Mental Health and LD Board; LPFT Board; Lincolnshire Police; the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat, and externally appraised by MP Nick Hurd and Inspector Michael Brown – National College of Policing lead for Mental Health.

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Working together to create safe, well communities – Policing and Mental Health Development Plan

7. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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