



## **AGENDA ITEM NO 8**

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### **ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 30 OCTOBER 2019**

### **ANGUS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to brief the Integration Joint Board on the strategic intentions of the Angus Adult Mental Health Services.

Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) published its Strategic Plan earlier this year. Supporting prevention, independence and shifting the balance of care from hospital to community are crucial drivers for mental health and wellbeing. Our progress will be monitored through the Angus HSCP Strategic Improvement Plan.

Angus HSCP works with the Tayside Mental Health Alliance which are developing a three year whole system strategy focussing on secondary 'Care and Treatment' services that are best commissioned at a Tayside level.

#### **1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board notes the strategic direction of the service.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

Angus Mental Health Services are required to take cognisance of a number of national, regional and local strategies, frameworks and guidance as well as consider the views and needs of local communities, service users, carers and staff when setting out its future direction. Locality Improvement Groups and the Angus Mental Health and Wellbeing Network are the mechanisms that the service use to engage, consult and inform regarding any changes to its directly delivered and commissioned services.

The Mental Health Management Group Strategic Delivery Plan 2019-22 (appendix 1) demonstrates how multiple services need to work together to maximise change and impact. These plans draw on the knowledge, experience, ability and resources of people who collectively use, deliver and commission services. There are significant overlap between national and local priorities, the promotion of wellbeing and the treatment of mental ill health, mental health, substance misuse, homelessness support and other services either delegated to the HSCP or remain with the Council or Health Board e.g. Children's Services. Angus Mental Health Services work within the wider context of the HSCP Strategic Planning Group, Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Adult Protection Committee, Protecting People Angus and the Community Planning Partnership.

### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

#### **National Drivers**

The Scottish Mental Health Strategy and a number of Mental Health Quality Indicators place a responsibility for the HSCP to perform and deliver in a number of key areas (see appendix one)

#### **Angus Community Planning Partnership**

Angus HSCP is a key stakeholder within the Community Planning Partnership. In 2018, the Angus Community Planning Partnership agreed to focus on three high level priorities that partners could all input into and form meaningful action plans based on evidence and data. The three priorities are all relevant to mental health and wellbeing. They are;

- Reducing child poverty,
- Improving mental health and wellbeing and
- Improving accessibility and connectivity.

#### **Angus HSCP**

The Angus Health and Wellbeing Network is using a co-production model to improve existing services and develop new initiatives including;

- Prevention and advice targeting the whole population including children, young people, working age adults and older people.
- Suicide Prevention
- Promoting resilience and self-management
- Mental health and wellbeing in primary care.
- Actively tackling stigma and promoting a positive mental health message
- Providing responses to regional and national consultations
- Commissioning training e.g. Mental Health First Aid courses and suicide prevention skills training.

#### **Tayside**

We need to link to other strategies and reports including the Tayside Children's Plan, 'Responding to Drug Use with Kindness, Compassion and Hope' the report of The Dundee Drug Commission and The Tayside Mental Health Inquiry.

The Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside continues to progress and recommendations are anticipated soon. The key themes are captured in an interim report and already Angus has proactively taken steps to improve a co-morbidity pathway for people with a mental illness and substance misuse, introduced two new Advanced Nurse Practitioner posts which will support Primary Care to meet the holistic needs of people with severe and /or enduring mental illness, have active plans to improve the carer experience and promote advanced statements.

We are working collaboratively with the other Tayside HSCPs via the Mental Health Alliance to improve the patient journey through inpatient services, patient experiences within unscheduled care and workforce planning.

#### **Locality Improvement Groups (LIGs).**

The HSCP does not have a specific Strategic Plan for Mental Health as it believes mental health and wellbeing is core to all its objectives. This can be evidenced by how the LIGs have lead on the development of mental health wellbeing initiatives in their locality e.g. funding health and wellbeing services, promoting health and wellbeing initiatives for young people, and supporting social enterprises which have mental health and wellbeing as its primary function.

Understanding the current challenges and future priorities include;

- Young people in transition.
- Balance between protecting people with prevention and early intervention.
- Rapid transformation of some of our Tayside services.
- Redesigning our workforce.
- Further strategic integration with a wider range of partners including, Criminal Justice, and Children's Services.
- Managing growing expectations with reduced resources.

### **Consultation and Engagement**

Mental Health Services have had conversations with a range of groups and forums in developing its plans. These include:

- Locality Improvement Groups
- Mental Health Service User Groups (Angus Voice)
- GP Clinical Partnership Forum
- Continuing The Conversation events held in localities (drop in and talks to staff and the public about services and potential developments)
- Questionnaires on our website, Facebook and Twitter feeds.

As part of the Independent Inquiry into Tayside Mental Health Services, a report 'Hearing the Voice of People with Lived Experience' captured the personal stories of people who use our services and highlighted areas that they felt needed to change. A number of our strategic priorities address these areas including link workers in GP Practices, local networks building community resilience, actively promoting advanced statements and promoting social enterprises to reduce reliance on statutory services.

## **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

By working across various organisational boundaries mental health and wellbeing is able to access a number of funding streams to meet its objectives. The priorities detailed in appendix one receives funding from multiple local, regional and national sources.

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