

## **Chairman's Announcement**

### **MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY**

To realise its vision of stronger communities in which everyone is able to achieve their potential, Wiltshire Council is working with the Clinical Commissioning Group to produce a five year joint mental health and wellbeing strategy. The aim is to support all those who live and work in Wiltshire to achieve and sustain good mental health and wellbeing. The Council and CCG are committed to joint commissioning for mental health. This will be a new way of working, enabling a more co-ordinated, efficient and therefore responsive and cost-effective service that allows for enhancing quality of life for all.

In line with Wiltshire Council's Business Plan, our Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-2015, and Wiltshire CCG's Five Year Plan 2014-2019, we will design and deliver a mental health and wellbeing strategy for the period 2014-2021 to ensure that people in the county are supported to live healthily and independently, are listened to, involved and kept safe from harm.

Work is being undertaken to include key messages from international and national organisations such as the World Health Organisation, Department of Health, Royal Colleges, national reports including those from national mental health charities and our own strategic direction over the next five years. Stakeholder meetings are beginning to take place with the wide variety of local professionals and partners who work within the field mental health, and with our service users via the Wiltshire Service User Network (WSUN), as well as an initial discussion with Wiltshire's Health Select Committee.

The strategy is currently being developed and once finalised will be sent out for public consultation and for approval through the CCG and Council governance procedures. As such, today's meeting comes at an important time and will actively inform work on the strategy over the coming weeks.

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