

Chairman's Announcement - Update on Draft Joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its public consultation

At its meeting on the 31st July 2014, the Health and Wellbeing Board was given a briefing about the progress in development of the Draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Members were keen to ensure that the strategy remained a focus for the Board and a further update was requested for the September meeting followed by a more detailed item (to include the strategy itself plus a draft implementation plan) for November 2014.

The draft content of the strategy was approved to go forward for consultation by Wiltshire Council Cabinet on 16th September 2014 having previously been approved in the same manner by the CCG Executive. It was additionally presented for information to the Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Board and to the Health Scrutiny panel for information.

The consultation draft is now available and the full consultation can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mental-health-wellbeing-strategy.htm.

The consultation launched on 10th October 2014 (to coincide with World Mental Health Day) and received good media coverage. Stakeholders and partners have been advised of the launch of the consultation and some group face-to-face engagement events are currently being organised to offer a range of opportunities for people's voices to be heard.

The Interim Mental Health Joint Commissioning Board (MH JCB) is currently leading on the development of the implementation plan as well as commissioning intentions and commissioning plans for services into the future. The overarching implementation plan for the strategy is in initial stages of development and will continue to evolve throughout the consultation period and beyond to reflect responses and feedback.

The MH JCB hopes to be in a position to share a draft of the overarching implementation plan with the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2015.

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