

14th June 2017

Dear Consultee

Proposals to change mental health Focusline telephone support

In recent years the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) have provided financial support to a number of organisations that provide services in the community. The CCG's and DCC have been jointly reviewing grant funded arrangements for mental health over the past year.

Services to support people with mental ill health are considered a strategic priority for the CCGs and DCC and a further aim of the joint reviews has been to ensure that any proposal for future services should meet the objectives of the Derbyshire County Joint Vision and Strategic Direction for Adult Mental Health 2014-19, the Crisis Care Concordat action plan and the emerging Derbyshire wide, Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). Any future allocation of funding has to improve service delivery and support for people with mental ill health in the community, in hospital and for those who are experiencing mental health crises and need urgent or emergency care.

As a result of the joint strategic reviews so far, a new Recovery and Peer Support Service has been commissioned which began delivering targeted and peer support for people with mental ill health across the County from April 1st 2017. The new service offers targeted 1:1 and group support; access to recovery education; help with housing and welfare benefits; help to access education or employment; access to a range of peer support groups in people's local community; access to training to become a peer supporter; access to a range of social activities and help to connect into the local community. There is also a telephone support element to the service delivered by both peers and professionals.

Rethink Focusline

As part of the continuing review of mental health voluntary sector funding, the CCGs and DCC would like to hear your views on proposals to make changes to the Rethink Focusline service. The consultation period will be open for six weeks, starting **Wednesday 14th June** and during this time you will be able to give your views via an online survey or by

coming along to one of two events where you can hear about the proposed changes and have the opportunity to ask questions and tell commissioners what you think. The events will be held on **Thursday 13th July** in the Function Room, Winding Wheel, Chesterfield, S41 7SA and **Wednesday 19th July** at Ripley Leisure Centre, Derby Road, Ripley, DE5 3HR . To book a place, please contact NDVA on 01246 555908 or by email at info@ndva.org.uk . You can complete the online survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Focusline>

The consultation period will end on **26th July 2017**, following which a report using the information gathered during the consultation will be prepared to enable CCG Governing Bodies and DCC Cabinet to make an informed decision about the Rethink Focusline funding.

Please make sure that you complete the online survey by the deadline of **26th July 2017**. If you need any further information or would like the survey in an alternative format, please contact: NDVA on 01246 555908 or 2a-2c, 2nd Floor, The Market Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1AR.

Yours sincerely



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