

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 24 November 2015 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor C A Hart

**119/15** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 3 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**120/15** **COMPLETED PROSECUTIONS UNDER TRADING STANDARDS LEGISLATION APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2015** A summary was provided of prosecutions concluded during the first half of the current financial year. A significant number of cases related to the supply and sale of counterfeit tobacco in Derbyshire. As well as imposing fines and costs of over £11,000, the Courts had also imposed thirteen months of imprisonment. Details were provided of other prosecutions.

Depending on the severity of the crimes, the cases had either been heard at Magistrates Court or Crown Court. The sanctions available to the Courts ranged from a fine through to a Community Order for unpaid work and/or a prison sentence. The Court could also order the offender to pay compensation. During the period, 22 defendants had been prosecuted, resulting in the courts imposing a total of £16,675 in fines and awarding £9,990 Prosecution Costs.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**121/15** **HOUSING AND HEALTH JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT** As part of developing the health and housing element of the JSNA, a workshop had been held in December 2014 which had recognised a range of issues, and had identified some key local challenges and opportunities. Following the workshop, resources (£19,000) from the Public Health grant had been identified to commission a time limited piece of work on housing and health. Public health officers had worked closely with housing colleagues in the districts and boroughs to develop the scope and brief for the commission. During the process, the opportunity to strengthen collaboration and identify shared priorities in the context of the Combined Authority/Devolution had been identified as an additional key aim. The work would be undertaken between November 2015 – March 2016, and the scope of work covered the full breadth of the housing and health agenda.

The work was sponsored by Derbyshire Housing Strategy Group and Derbyshire JSNA Board. In addition to commissioning an external consultant, it had been decided to seek an individual with local strategic housing expertise from the District teams to work with Public Health and the external consultant. It was envisaged that certain tasks would be delivered directly by the external consultant drawing on local expertise and resources; and other tasks would be the responsibility of the local secondee, with the external consultant providing oversight and acting as a critical friend.

Whilst the focus was the needs of the Derbyshire population, stakeholders would include those who worked across county-city boundaries. Derby City Public Health and Housing partners were committed to working collaboratively, and close collaboration with transformation work on the Disabled Facilities Grant, the housing development company and with adult care would also be essential.

Written quotes had been invited from three organisations with a strong track record of achievement on housing and health, and from district/borough strategic housing officer teams. Expressions of Interest had been received, and the submissions had been evaluated by public health officers. The budget allocation was £9,900 for an external consultant, £8,600 for the local strategic housing officer, £2,500 project budget, and £3,000 contingency. An allocation of £19,000 had previously been agreed from the Public Health grant for the work, and it was proposed that this be increased by £5,000 from unspent public health grant monies previously allocated to Amber Valley Borough Council for housing and health.

**RESOLVED** to approve the allocation of the funding (£24,000) to develop the housing and health JSNA and to identify priorities for collaborative action on housing and health in the context of the Combined Authority and Devolution.

**122/15      MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING** The allocation of grant funding had previously been agreed to begin a one year programme of social prescribing as a prevention mechanism for mental ill health. Access to the programme was for people with low level mental ill health identified by a health or social professional who had referred them into the Voluntary Sector Single Point of Access (VSPA).

In 2013, there had been 48 suicides in Derbyshire. Three quarters of suicides were male and the highest proportion occurred in the 40-60 year old age range. This cohort was a strategic priority in the Derby and Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Strategic Framework. Provisional data for 2014 indicated that there had been an increase in the number of suicides, and it was recognised that around 75% of completed suicides were people not known to specialist mental health services. Data from VSPA from May to August 2015

had indicated that 7% of referrals were for men in the 40-59 age range, and 75% of the middle age men referred had a level of mental ill health. The most common interventions accessed were social activity and befriending.

To form part of a preventative approach to suicide and to provide added value to the VSPA, a targeted approach promoting engagement of middle aged men and specific interventions that could interest them was proposed. The VSPA would ensure that a range of suitable interventions were available and would engage men at points of contact that they could engage with when confronted with a potential crisis. It was proposed to invest in a one year promotional programme to engage middle aged men who could be at high risk of a mental health issue and a parallel programme of intervention development to ensure that there was a suitable offer. £31,650 would be funded to North Derbyshire Voluntary Action and £18,350 to South Derbyshire CVS.

Data from Chesterfield had indicated that rates of admissions for self-harm were higher than average in the 10-24 age range. Thirteen out of nineteen wards in Chesterfield had higher rates of admission for self-harm than the national average and eleven were higher than the Derbyshire average. The number of young people aged 10-24 in Derbyshire reported to self-harm was between 15,662 and 19,577, with prevalence in young women aged 16-24 years.

Following a procurement exercise, Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) had been commissioned to deliver Suicide Awareness Training across Derbyshire over the next two years, and this was mainly for professionals, the public and voluntary sector, and was focussed towards adults. The sister organisation of RAD in Leicestershire had developed a seminar which covered self-harm as well as suicide and was aimed at teachers and school staff. The Derbyshire version and proposal was supported by Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, with local development from a Clinical Advisor for Suicide Prevention at East Midlands Academic Health Science Network and other local experts.

In order to test the best way to reduce self-harm, RAD would pilot a suite of seminars within two schools in Chesterfield. The seminars would target different cohorts involved in the prevention of mental ill health and self-harm. RAD would explore the development and delivery of self-harm and suicide awareness seminars aimed at teachers and school staff, parents, and teenagers, and these would be designed specifically for the target audience. The pilot would be evaluated, and it was proposed to allocate £7,200 to RAD.

Building on basic mental health awareness training, it was recognised that further staff development was required to strengthen the infrastructure to support the prevention and early identification of mental ill health. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) was a more in-depth and practical skillset for

nominated staff to be able to identify signs and symptoms of mental ill health, raise the issue of mental ill health, proactively support peers, colleagues and friends to access appropriate support, and act as a champion for mental health. Standard MHFA training was designed for staff, family or friends who came into contact with adults who could suffer from mental ill health. Youth MHFA was designed specifically for people who taught, worked, lived with or cared for young people aged 11-18.

The courses were promoted and sold by the training provider as a two day training course costing £300 per person. It was proposed to train four instructors with the County Council's Adult Education Department – two to become instructors in Standard MHFA and two in Youth MHFA – and they would deliver training courses across the county for Council workers who were in contact with people who were at high risk of developing a mental health issue. Any spare places for each course could be offered to external organisations at a market rate. The delivery of the training from an in-house source would ensure a significant reduction in the cost per course. There would be an internal funds transfer for MHFA training of £27,800 to Adult Education.

The costs would be met from the 2015/16 Public Health budget.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to fund the three projects set out in the report.

**123/15      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To consider the exempt reports of the Strategic Director – Health and Communities on:-
  - a) Initiated Prosecutions Mis-selling of Mobility Aids (contains information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)
  - b) Initiated Prosecutions under Trading Standards Legislation (contains information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)
  - c) Libraries and Information East Midlands – Redundancy (contains information relating to an individual)