

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO HWB

1	Meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
2	Date:	8 July 2015
3	Title:	RMBC Integrated Services – Adult Mental Health Review
4	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5 **Summary**

In line with the Health and Social Care Act (2012) and NHS Act (2006), Rotherham adult mental health services are integrated under a partnership agreement between Rotherham Council (RMBC) and Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humberside NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH) which has been in place since 2008. During this time, there has been a gradual loss of social care focus with priority given to complex mental health issues. To ensure a greater focus on prevention as promoted by the Care Act 2014, it is essential that the partnership agreement be re-negotiated.

A strengthened social care model is an essential element within an integrated approach to mental health. The current model of integration has failed to fully utilise the benefits of working together. Effective co-operation between health and social care can be achieved for the benefit of customers and should be mutually inclusive rather than the existing RMBC/RDaSH/local authority integration model. It is therefore timely to review the current RMBC partnership agreement with RDaSH (either solely or with the other local authorities of North Lincolnshire and Doncaster) to explore alternative integrated working with health partners.

- RMBC is working with commissioning colleagues in North Lincolnshire and Doncaster to develop a core service level agreement. This will ensure that local authorities have a unified approach to commissioning services from RDaSH. RMBC and the other local authorities will be able to ensure that a clear social care voice exists within the integrated mental health service and have control over the council elements of staff and management.

- The effective utilisation of staff and resources to focus on RMBC priorities is highlighted by the development of the Vulnerable Persons Team (VPT). This responds to citizen feedback following the publication of last year's Jay Report and is in line with Care Act priorities. The work of VPT has been recognised nationally as an initiative for dealing with the adult survivors of child sexual exploitation. RMBC management and police colleagues were invited to present a paper on the work of VPT at the Social Work Live event in Birmingham in May 2015.
- Within an integrated mental health service it is essential that there is a robust supervision or personal development review (PDR) policy and process.
- As the responsible authority for safeguarding, RMBC must take the lead in ensuring Rotherham has an integrated safeguarding policy and related procedures.

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