

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health
2.	Date:	17 November 2014
3.	Title:	South Yorkshire Declaration on National Crisis Care Concordat
4.	Programme Area:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health to join partner organisations in South Yorkshire in formally agreeing to the principles in the national Concordat for Mental Health Crisis Care.

The Concordat is available as a background paper, and the Declaration Statement, which partners in NHS England have prepared to outline commitment to improve outcomes for people experiencing mental health crisis is attached as Appendix 1.

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

- **Receives the information contained in this report and appendix.**
- **Agrees and endorses the commitment of the Local Authority to the Declaration and approves the involvement of Council officers in implementing the recommendations contained in the Concordat within the Better Care Fund Action Plan.**
- **Agrees the onward progress of the report to Health and Wellbeing Board, CYPS DLT, and Cabinet Member for Children and Education Services for information and support for the Action Plan.**

7. Background

- 7.1 The DH 'Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat – Improving outcomes for people experiencing mental health crisis' was published in February 2014. The Concordat includes all age groups from 16 years and beyond.

The following national organisations are signatories to the Concordat:

Association of Directors of Children's Services
Association of Police and Crime Commissioners
British Transport Police
Care Quality Commission
College of Emergency Medicine
College of Policing
The College of Social Work
Department of Health
Health Education England
Home Office
Local Government Association
Mind
NHS Confederation
NHS England
Public Health England
Royal College of General Practitioners
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
Royal College of Psychiatrists

- 7.2 Signatories to this Concordat have made a commitment to work together to support local systems to achieve continuous improvements for crisis care for people with mental health issues across England:

"We commit to work together to improve the system of care and support so people in crisis because of a mental health condition are kept safe and helped to find the support they need – whatever the circumstances in which they first need help – and from whichever service they turn to first.

We will work together, and with local organisations, to prevent crises happening whenever possible through prevention and early intervention. We will make sure we meet the needs of vulnerable people in urgent situations. We will strive to make sure that all relevant public services support someone who appears to have a mental health problem to move towards Recovery.

Jointly, we hold ourselves accountable for enabling this commitment to be delivered across England.”

- 7.3 A Declaration document has been developed by NHS England and sign up at a locality level by partner organisations has been canvassed at a sub-regional level.

In September 2014 a formal request was made to Rotherham Council to agree to sign up to the South Yorkshire Crisis Care Concordat Declaration (template attached as Appendix 1), and to join with partner organisations to develop local area action plans to implement the recommendations contained in the Concordat.

Essential stakeholders for South Yorkshire are:

- Sheffield CCG
- Doncaster CCG
- Doncaster Council (Social Care Commissioners)
- Rotherham CCG
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (Social Care Commissioners)
- South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Area Team (Primary Care Commissioners)
- The South Yorkshire Police Service
- South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service
- RDaSH NHS
- SWYPFT NHS Trust
- Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- The Rotherham Foundation Trust
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust
- Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS FT

The deadline for uploading declarations to the national Crisis Care Concordat website is December 2014 and has been set by the Department of Health.

- 7.4 Once the commitment to work collaboratively together is made via the regional declaration, local action plans will need to be developed to meet the ambitions of the Concordat.

The Yorkshire and the Humber Multi Agency Mental Health Collaborative is a group that meets every two months and already has senior representatives from a number of the key stakeholders in regular attendance. NHS England suggests that this group could help support the implementation of local action plans as well as be a forum to discuss specific problems and take actions back to their respective

organisations. A programme of reviewing action plans through this group could be arranged.

- 7.5 An event has been arranged for South Yorkshire Concordat members on Thursday 6th November. The target audience for the event is senior managers or directors with responsibility for driving improvements within their organisation in line with the Crisis Care Concordat. The event will give the representatives a chance to clarify any questions they have as well as interface with other local stakeholders who will be involved in local action plans.
- 7.6 The event will be hosted as a tripartite venture between the South Yorkshire Police, the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and the Strategic Clinical Networks, to facilitate a declaration for the whole of the South Yorkshire.
- 7.7 The event will only be successful if all stakeholders agree to the template declaration and also send a representative to the meeting to both demonstrate the organisations commitments to service improvement and the local action plans.
- 7.8 It is expected that an organisational logo from each organisation who has agreed to the declaration will be forwarded to the NHS England to upload onto the declaration following the event.

8. Proposal

- 8.1 The Crisis Concordat is a key element of the Better Care Fund (BCF01) workstream, which is working to develop a Mental Health Liaison Service that supports the outcomes of the BCF and the principle of 'parity of esteem' between physical and mental health care.

It is therefore proposed that the Council supports the aims of the Concordat formally by becoming signatories to the South Yorkshire Declaration Statement.
- 8.2 A representative from Rotherham Council will attend the event on 6th November to feedback the detail of the commitment, and clarify the 'sign up' process.
- 8.3 The local action plan will be developed through BCF01, co-ordinated by the RCCG and RMBC leads for BCF01. Performance in relation to the action plan will be managed through the BCF Operational Group, the Systems Resilience Group, and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 8.4 Support with developing the action plan will be sought through attendance by RCCG and RMBC officers at the Yorkshire and the Humber Multi Agency Mental Health Collaborative.

8.5 This paper has been endorsed in principle by NAS DLT, and will be forwarded for information and support to CYPS DLT and Cabinet Member for Children and Education Services.

9. Finance

There are no immediate financial implications for the Council in signing up to the Declaration Statement. There may be implications arising from the action plan, but these will be managed through the BCF Programme.

10. Risks and Uncertainties

Failure to sign up to the Concordat:

- 10.1 Would not accord with the agreed ADCS and ADASS position.
- 10.2 May adversely impact on the care arrangements for people experiencing mental health crisis.
- 10.3 Would not accord with the partnership principles in the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Adult Partnership Board.
- 10.4 May have implications for the delivery of BCF outcomes.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- Department of Health - Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat – Improving outcomes for people experiencing mental health crisis (February 2014)
- Department of Health - No health without mental health; a cross-government mental health outcomes strategy for people of all ages. (February 2011)
- Better Care Fund Action Plan

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