

## Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>
<b>Item for decision or information?</b>	<b>For Information</b>
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<p><b>Key Issues:</b>  <b>The Gloucestershire Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy has seven priorities one of which is Mental Wellbeing. Our ambition is for every resident of Gloucestershire to enjoy the best possible mental health and well-being throughout the course of their life.</b></p> <p><b>To achieve this we have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An established mental health strategy</b></li> <li>• <b>A clear Action plan which has been developed and overseen by the Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Partnership Board</b></li> <li>• <b>A clear multi-agency delivery vehicle and governance arrangements</b></li> <li>• <b>A plan to develop a performance dashboard to monitor the progress in delivering the strategy</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Recommendations to Board:</b></p> <p>To note the content of report; and consider:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">How the Board might further support joint working on mental health promotion and the interdependencies with the other Health and Wellbeing Board priorities.</p>	
<p><b>Financial/Resource Implications:</b></p> <p>Mental health and wellbeing services are predominately funded on a recurrent basis from mainstream commissioning budgets from within the CCG and from the County Council Children and Adult Social Care and Public Health budgets.</p> <p>Further investments are made by the Police and Crime Commissioner on specific projects.</p> <p>The CCG has increased funding in mental health services in 2020/21 in line with NHSE Mental Health Minimum Investment Standard requirements.</p>	

**Background/Context**

1. The Gloucestershire health & Wellbeing Strategy has seven priorities one of which is Mental Wellbeing. Our ambition is for every resident of Gloucestershire to enjoy the best possible mental health and well-being throughout the course of their life. The key delivery vehicle for this priority will be the *Gloucestershire All Age Mental Health and Wellbeing strategy* which includes key priority areas as follows:

Theme 1: Increase the focus on the wider factors of mental wellbeing and promote good mental health for all

Theme 2: Get better at spotting the signs of mental ill health and intervening earlier

Theme 3: Improve the outcomes for people experiencing mental health crisis

Theme 4: Improve the wellbeing of parents, children and young people

Theme 5: Continue to improve joined up approaches to reducing suicide rates across Gloucestershire

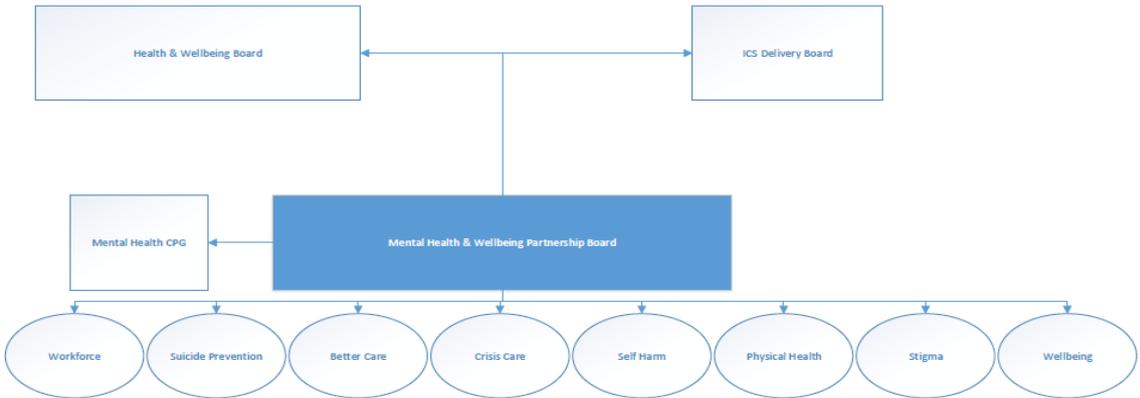
Theme 6: Focus on recovery and resilience

Theme 7: Ensure Gloucestershire is a mental health friendly county

2. The implementation of the strategy is overseen by the Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board (MHWPB). The MHWPB has been in place since 2015 and now provides a forum whereby strategic partner organisations and people with lived experience/carers work together to deliver the aims of the MH and Wellbeing Strategy. The Board has an Independent Chair and is supported by Commissioners from the CCG and County Council

3. The MHWPB have a number of subgroups which provide oversight of the action plans and provide regular reports and updates to the Board. The steering groups are made up of commissioners, service providers and people with lived experience.

**Governance and Monitoring Arrangements**



4. The MHWBPB has oversees the implementation of the MHWB strategy. The sub-groups have action plans which are performance rated and feedback is provided to the Board on a regular basis on highlight report basis. Further work is required to develop a performance dashboard for the Board to measure progress against action card objectives.

### **Covid Incident Management Arrangements**

5. During the pandemic, the response to the mental health impacts of Covid-19 on both population mental health and mental health services, has been overseen by two multi-agency groups, the 'Mental Health and Wellbeing Cell' and the 'Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Recovery & Reset Cell'.

6. These groups are working together to oversee a number of work-streams including, targeted support for vulnerable groups, workforce wellbeing, suicide prevention, recovery in statutory and non-statutory mental health services, and demand modelling.

7. There is scope to learn from the experiences of these groups and consider how their work is integrated with the work of the existing MHWBPB and the county's current mental health and wellbeing strategy as we move through the next phase of the pandemic; and consider how the county responds to the medium- long term impacts of Covid-19 on mental health.

### **Wider Stakeholder Engagement**

8. The MHWBPB engages with a broad arrange of stakeholders via regular events. These are usually 2-3 times per year focussing on key issues that the Board wishes to engage and consult with a broader range of patients / carers / stakeholders. For example engagement events have been held on co-existing conditions, personality disorders which have helped shaped our strategic planning and investments. During Covid both the MHWBPB and stakeholder events have been on hold but there is the opportunity to use digital technology going forward to engage with a much broader audience.

### **Partnership Board Review**

9. Prior to Covid the Partnership Board (PB) had launched a review of the range of Partnership Boards established in Gloucestershire which work differently (e.g. Autism Spectrum Conditions, Learning Disabilities).

10. Throughout the Covid lockdown restrictions the Partnership Board Chairs and Service Leads were meeting via an online platform and have been producing a regular Partnership Board bulletin for all stakeholders during lockdown.

11. The review of the PBs will take into account stakeholder experiences of managing response to the impacts of Covid-19 on mental health and the new ways of partnership working which have emerged across sectors and agencies.

### **Monitoring Function**

12. The MHWBPB has oversees the implementation of the MHWB strategy. The sub-groups illustrated above have action plans which are performance rated and feedback is provided to the board on a regular basis using highlight reports. Further work is required to develop a quantitative dashboard for the board to oversee.