

Adult Social Care Mental Health Services Review-

Information for people using mental health services and support- August 17

What is happening?

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Health and Adult Services funds a range of different mental health services. They are either delivered directly by the Council or by local voluntary and community organisations on its behalf.

The County Council is now undertaking work to understand how we can best use our resources to provide an improved adult social care mental health offer. It is looking at what is working well now, as well as what could be improved. Our aim is to make good on our commitments in the recent Mental Health Strategy, Hope, Choice and Control, and to support good mental wellbeing for all people in North Yorkshire; as well as helping to prevent mental health problems developing, and help those with mental health problems to successfully recover where possible, and live well.

To make sure that the services it provides will meet the needs of North Yorkshire residents in the future, the County Council wants to hear the views of local people- including those using mental health services, their family and carers, and organisations that deliver mental health support and services.

How will this affect the services that I use?

There are no immediate plans for changes to services and you will be informed of any changes to services that will affect you before this happens.

However as a result of the review there is likely to be some changes to social care mental health services. If we do make changes we intend to make sure these continue to be delivered in an effective joined-up way with health services.

We may also see some changes to some of the community support that the County Council funds. The County Council is legally required to undergo a process to purchase some of the community support mental health services that it currently funds local voluntary and community organisations to deliver on its behalf. We will take this opportunity to review what we are funding and make sure it is still the best way to deliver the plans in the Mental Health Strategy. It also means that any organisation who wishes to provide these services in the future, including the organisation that currently delivers services, will have to bid (apply)

for a contract to deliver the service. This process will begin early next year and new contracts for delivery of services will need to be in place for the 1st October 2018.

What will happen next?

Between now and the end of October the County Council will be talking to and getting feedback from people to understand better how it can support good mental wellbeing for people in North Yorkshire, and provide effective mental health services and support.

As part of this work there will be a number of engagement events held across North Yorkshire. We would like encourage people with lived experience of mental health issues and their family members and carers to attend these events to share their views and ideas. At the events there will also be representatives from organisations delivering support, health and social care staff and other interested organisations.

How can I get involved?

Details of stakeholder engagement events, including how to register are available from the review webpage at <http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/mentalhealthreview>

If you are not able to or don't wish to attend one of the stakeholder events, but would like to provide comments on what you feel is either working well or could be improved with mental health services and support you can also email commissioning@northyorks.gov.uk

There will be other ways in which people using mental health services and support can get involved as part of the review. In particular Health and Adult Services is keen to share information with 'lived experience' contacts throughout the course of the review, who can receive updates directly and will have the opportunity to be invited to take part in consultation activities and design workshops.

If you would like further information about becoming a 'lived experience' contact, then you can request this either directly by emailing commissioning@northyorks.gov.uk or ask a member of staff in your service to email on your behalf.

How can I find out more information?

Regular updates and further information regarding the review will be posted on the review webpage at: <http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/mentalhealthreview>