

Adult Social Care Mental health review- stakeholder briefing August 2017.

What is happening?

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Health and Adult Services is currently working with partners to develop proposals for what an adult social care mental health offer should look like for North Yorkshire.

This work is being conducted as a strategic review, with the aim of developing and implementing a distinct adult social care mental health offer to meet the needs of people in North Yorkshire. It is expected that this offer will have a focus on early intervention and prevention, and on promoting recovery from mental ill-health.

As part of this review NYCC Health and Adult Services is currently conducting an engagement exercise to seek views on what a social care mental health offer in North Yorkshire should look like from people using services, their family members and carers, current and existing providers, health and social care staff, wider stakeholders and the public.

This exercise will include a number of stakeholder engagement events to be held across North Yorkshire during September and October. For further details of the engagement events including how to register visit <http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/mentalhealthreview>

What will this mean for mental health services and support in North Yorkshire?

The future social care mental health model will consider what the best balance will be between which social care mental health functions will be delivered by the Council and which could be delivered by external organisations on its behalf.

We will be making some changes to how mental health services are delivered by the Council in partnership with health trusts, but the plan is that any social care offer will still be delivered as part of a joined up approach with healthcare services. Our guiding principles will come from the North Yorkshire Mental Health Strategy (Hope, Choice and Control), the Crisis Care Concordat and Future in Mind (Children and Young People's Mental Wellbeing).

The Council currently commissions a range of non-statutory adult community mental health services from voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations in North Yorkshire. The contracts are primarily funded by North Yorkshire County Council with some contributions from local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's).

These contracts have provided a range of community-based support including mental health resource centres, social inclusion support, employment support, peer-led support and outdoor activities.

The Council is now required to re-procure this service provision as continuing to extend these contracts is no longer possible under EU procurement regulations. New non-statutory community support provision will need to be procured and implemented by the 1st October 2018, when the current contracts are due to end.

We will use this opportunity to review whether there are any changes to the current range of services, or the way the services are delivered that can help us deliver the outcomes we have committed to in our Mental Health Strategy.

What will be happening next?

The review engagement exercise will take place between August and the end of October 2017. This will be used to gain an understanding of what the current strengths are of services and support, and what could be improved. It will also explore what the key elements of an adult social care mental health offer should be and how these can best be delivered.

People using social care mental health services will be invited to contribute their knowledge and expertise in a number of ways throughout the whole review process, and details of the Council's approach to supporting this will be communicated separately to this briefing.

Following conclusion of the engagement exercise a report summarising findings will be produced. This information will be used to inform the development of options for the future social care mental health offer, and a consultation will take place on these in January 2018.

How can I get involved?

Further details of stakeholder engagement events and how to register for these will be available on the review webpage at <http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/mentalhealthreview>

Please note that these events are separate to the staff briefings that will also be held around this time.

People will also be able to provide their views on local mental health care and support up until the 31st October by emailing commissioning@northyorks.gov.uk.

The key areas of enquiry we would like feedback from people on are the following:

- What is currently working well with mental health support and services in North Yorkshire?
- What might 'better' look like in terms of local mental health support and services?
- What could be done to improve mental health support and services in North Yorkshire?

How can I find out more?

For further information and updates continue visiting the review update webpage at <http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/mentalhealthreview>