

Report Title: **Response to the Scrutiny Review of Access to General Mental Health and Early Intervention Services in Haringey – One in Four of Us - Update Report**

Report of: **Interim Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services**

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Non-Key Decision**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress made in implementing the Scrutiny Review of the Mental Health Service completed in March 2006.

### **2. Introduction by Executive Member**

2.1 I would like to echo the comments of the previous Executive Member for Health and Social Services when the Scrutiny Review was published a year ago. The review was comprehensive in its breadth but produced many specific and valuable recommendations to improve services for people with mental health problems.

2.2 The mental health agenda over the past year has been substantial, and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. The implementation of the recommendations of the Commission for Social Care Inspections (CSCI) Inspection of Mental Health Services is a major priority, as is the need to have a continued focus on improving performance. The Mental Health Trust is in the process of reconfiguring its own services which is a significant focus for the managers and staff within the services affected. All this is taking place within a challenging financial context.

2.3 In looking at the attached template, it is clear that, whilst a considerable amount has been achieved, a number of recommendations are still to be fully implemented. I will be asking officers for regular progress reports on the outstanding issues, both in order to monitor what is happening, and to provide political support where appropriate.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 That the Committee note the progress made.

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#### **4. Executive Summary**

4.1 The Scrutiny Review of Mental Health Services - One in Four of Us - was completed in March 2006. The Executive endorsed fully all except one of the Review's 26 recommendations, which was partially agreed. Some of the recommendations have been incorporated into the Action Plan drawn up to respond to the CSCI Inspection of Mental Health Services, reported to the Executive on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006. A detailed summary of the progress made against each of the Scrutiny Review Recommendations is set out in the attached Scrutiny Update Template.

#### **5. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)**

5.1 Changes in policy and practice were identified as part of the original Scrutiny Review.

#### **6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

6.1 Report of the Scrutiny Review – One in Four of Us – to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26th February 2007.

#### **7. Background**

7.1 See Executive Summary.

#### **8. Description**

8.1 See Executive Summary and attached Template.

#### **9. Consultation**

9.1 Input from other relevant departments and agencies has been sought in compiling the update.

#### **10. Summary and Conclusions**

10.1 The progress already made will be built on over the coming year or so, at the end of which it is expected that all recommendations will have been implemented - or where they are longer term or dependent on additional funding - strategies will be in place to address them.

#### **11. Recommendations**

11.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress made in implementing the Scrutiny Review of Mental Health Services.

#### **12. Comments of the Director of Finance**

12.1 The Director of Finance has been consulted and there are no specific financial implications included within the report. Recommendation 1 of the service update plan identifies the strategy that has been put in place to manage the financial pressures in

Mental Health. Members should note that the council's medium term financial plans includes an efficiency savings target of £450k to be achieved over two financial years from 2008/09 in relation to this strategy. The achievement of this target will be monitored through the council's normal budget management process.

### **13. Equalities Implications**

13.1 These were incorporated into the original Scrutiny Review.

### **14. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs**

14.1 Scrutiny Update Template - attached.