

**Report for:** Health & Wellbeing Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

**Item Number:** 9

**Title:** Suicide Prevention Action Plan

**Report**

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**Ward(s) affected:** ALL

**Report for Key/**

**Non Key Decision:** Non Key Decision

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 Haringey's Health and Wellbeing Strategy's Priority 3 focuses on improving mental health and wellbeing across the borough. One of the focuses of Priority 3 and joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework is suicide prevention.
- 1.2 This paper presents the suicide prevention action plan to be discussed and endorsed by the Board.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Board is asked to consider and approve the Haringey Suicide Prevention Action Plan.

**3. Reasons for decision**

- 3.1 Five Year Forward View on Mental Health published in February 2016 and Public Health England guidelines on suicide prevention action planning, published in October 2016, recommend having multiagency, local suicide prevention plan endorsed by a partnership body such as Health and Wellbeing Boards.

**4. Alternative options considered**

N/A

**5. Background information**

- 5.1 In Haringey, local suicide prevention planning includes following components:
  - Considering suicide prevention more generally within our priority in the health and wellbeing strategy or improving mental health and wellbeing;
  - Understanding data on suicide including a **local suicide audit** to reveal the pattern of suicides, groups at risk and factors relevant to suicide prevention planning and using Public Health England Suicide Prevention Profile;

- A **multi-agency suicide prevention group** chaired and led by MIND in Haringey. The group includes statutory and voluntary organisations and NHS Trusts to support the development and implementation of suicide prevention interventions;
- A **suicide prevention action plan** based on the national strategy and local intelligence on suicide risk overseen by Haringey's Suicide Prevention Group (HSPG).

- 5.2 The Haringey Suicide Prevention Group (HSPG) was formed in June 2015 to strengthen community response to suicide prevention planning and implementation. The Group, which is chaired by MIND in Haringey (Professor David Mosse), meets on a quarterly basis and has broad membership from statutory and non-statutory organisations including: Haringey Public Health, Children's Services, the CCG, Met Police, BEH-MHT, British Transport Police, local charities (including North London Samaritans). Haringey MPs David Lammy (Tottenham) and Catherine West (Wood Green and Hornsey) attended the group and workshops on few occasions, invited by MIND chair.
- 5.3 HSPG has coordinated and overseen a development of Haringey's Suicide Prevention Plan using the PHE prevention guidelines published in October 2016. The Plan is geared towards the high-risk and vulnerable groups identified in the audit and other risk groups emerging from the national evidence. It has set actions for the whole system to address the mental health and risk of suicide in specific groups by: reducing access to the means of suicide (e.g. Archway Bridge); addressing the vulnerability and mental health issues in particular community settings (e.g. Eastern European migrants); supporting those bereaved or affected by suicide; working with the media to prevent harmful exposure; and expanding and improving the systematic collection of and access to data on suicides.
- 5.4 Wider actions on mental health and wellbeing prevention recommended by Public Health England manual, such as training programmes for schools that include self-harm prevention component, community mental health and wellbeing interventions in more deprived areas of Haringey etc. are picked up by implementation of Haringey's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 5.5 HSPG is meeting between times of the publication of HWB Board papers and meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to sign off enclosed action plan. It is therefore suggested that any further amendments to action plan in Appendix I will be tabled at the meeting.

## 6 Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 6.1 Priority 1-3 of the Corporate Plan and Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority 3.

## 7 Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

### 7.1 Finance and Procurement

- 7.1.1 This is an update report for noting and as such there are no recommendations for action that have a direct financial implication.

### 7.1.2 Legal

7.2.1. The recommendation in the report falls within the Board's responsibility to oversee the delivery of the Council's strategic outcomes for local health and wellbeing targets.

## 7.2.2 Equality

7.2.3 Suicide audit was undertaken locally to identify particular groups of people at higher risk of suicide in Haringey, in addition to national evidence on risk groups and vulnerability. These information were basis for development of an action plan that focuses on specific interventions targeting groups at risk including men 25-40 years of age, care leavers, mental health issues, Eastern European population, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, as well as children and young people.

## 8. Use of Appendices

Appendix I – Haringey's Suicide Prevention Action Plan

## 9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework

<http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=771&MId=6848&Ver=4>

Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-2018

Haringey's Corporate Plan 2015-2018

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/local-democracy/policies-and-strategies/corporate-plan-2015-18>