

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject:	Pledge 90 – Mental Health Review
Committee:	Cabinet
Date:	25 March 2014
Cabinet Member:	Councillor McDonald
CMT Member:	Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People)
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Ref:	P90/1
Key Decision:	No
Part:	I

Purpose of the report:

In May 2012 Plymouth City Council announced 100 pledges around the 10 priority areas identified in the Corporate Plan. Pledge 90 was to 'Conduct a wide ranging review of the adequacy of mental health services and support in the city alongside local mental health providers and charities'.

The purpose of the attached report is to satisfy the requirements of Pledge 90.

The report provides a comprehensive picture of 'mental health' in Plymouth creating a strong foundation for decision making and service development, and is for use by all stakeholders. In order to do this the report has 5 main elements; Strategic Context, Mental Health Needs Assessment Refresh 2013, Performance, Service User & Carer Views, Community & Stakeholder Views.

As the review commenced it became clear that there was already a lot of information available and that the stakeholders and partners in the delivering of mental health services were wide-ranging with a lot to say. The development work to bring together the report therefore utilised the following principles:

- avoid duplication by bringing together information currently available in different places in to one place
- reach out and involve as many people with an interest in mental health as possible (including service users and carers leading on gathering feedback from the local community)
- identify gaps and gather new information where required.

The review was overseen by the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Adult Social Care.

The delivery of this pledge was a central theme of 'Caring Plymouth' which found that the report satisfied the requirements of the Pledge 90 and informed the final recommendations. The Caring Plymouth task and finish group report is included in the Appendices of the Pledge 90 Report.

The report will also support and align to the work of the Fairness Commission.

The Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan 2013/14 -2016/17:

Caring Plymouth: the Pledge 90 Report is a comprehensive review of mental health in Plymouth developed alongside citizens and communities. The recommendations contained within the report promote prevention and early intervention, promote service user and carer involvement in strategic and

service development, and promote fairness and tackling inequalities. The report is open and transparent and will be used to inform commissioning and service development to improve mental health services in Plymouth ensuring they treat people with dignity and respect.

Pioneering Plymouth: the Pledge 90 Report will be available to help and support the commissioning and development of improved services that are accountable, flexible and efficient.

Growing Plymouth: improving employment opportunities for people with mental health issues is a strategic priority nationally. The Pledge 90 Report describes local performance will be used as a foundation to ensure people with mental health issues are supported to access and maintain employment.

Confident Plymouth: the Pledge 90 Report describes the current picture of mental health in Plymouth. The commissioning and service development that follows as a result of this wide ranging review will involve and respond to local communities, supporting people with mental health issues to enjoy living and working in Plymouth, being proud of what the city can offer.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Including finance, human, IT and land:

The Pledge 90 Report will inform commissioning and service development that utilises existing resources. Any changes will be within the Council’s affordability envelope.

Any commissioning activity will be approved through existing ‘Joint Commissioning Partnership’ governance arrangements.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

The Pledge 90 Report will support the policies already in place in these areas.

Equality and Diversity:

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No. Individual Equality Impact Assessments will be completed for specific activity or changes that are informed by the Pledge 90 Report.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

The Cabinet recognises the report as meeting the requirements of Pledge 90 thereby signing off the Pledge and utilising the information to improve mental health services for the citizens of Plymouth.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to recognise the report as meeting the requirements of Pledge 90 and carry out a further review. This was rejected due to the wide ranging nature and stakeholder involvement in the review including service users and carers, providers, commissioners and Caring Plymouth Scrutiny Task and Finish Group which stated the report satisfies the requirement of Pledge 90.

Published work / information:

Background papers:

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number							
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Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													