

Title of report: Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Report to HWBB re Children and Young People's Mental Health and Suicide during 2020

Meeting: Health and wellbeing board

Meeting date: Monday 6 December 2021

Report by: Democratic services officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose

For the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) to consider the report at appendix 1 by the Herefordshire Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (HSCP).

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a) **The Health and Wellbeing Board considers the report at Appendix 1 and provides comments with regard to the HSCP's recommendations and request for assurance.**

Alternative options

1. It is a function of the HWBB to consider reports from Local Health Organisations.
2. The Board could choose not to consider this report, however given the importance of the subject matter it is presented to this meeting.

Key considerations

3. The HSCP produced the attached report in September. A draft report was provided to the Board at a Private Workshop following which the item was placed on the work programme for the current meeting. The report is for the Board to consider and to take account of the request for assurance posed by the HSCP.
4. Appendix 1 contains the HSCP's report in full for the board to consider.

Community impact

5. In accordance with the adopted code of corporate governance, Herefordshire Council achieves its intended outcomes by providing a mixture of legal, regulatory and practical interventions. Determining the right mix of these is an important strategic choice to make sure outcomes are achieved. The council needs robust decision-making mechanisms to ensure its outcomes can be achieved in a way that provides the best use of resources whilst still enabling efficient and effective operations and recognises that a culture and structure for scrutiny are key elements for accountable decision making, policy development and review.

Environmental Impact

6. There are no general implications for the environment arising from this report.

Equality duty

7. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
8. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. Our Health providers will be made aware of their contractual requirements in regards to equality legislation.

Resource implications

9. There are no resource implications associated with the recommendation. The resource implications of any recommendations made by the committee will need to be considered by the responsible NHS body or the executive in response to those recommendations or subsequent decisions.

Legal implications

- 10 Health and wellbeing boards are responsible for encouraging integrated working between health and social care commissioners, including partnership arrangements such as pooled budgets, lead commissioning and integrated provision.
- 11 Their purpose is to establish collaborative decision making, planning and commissioning across councils and the NHS, informed by the views of patients, people who use services and other partners.
12. The functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in paragraph 3.5.24 of the constitution.

Risk management

13. There are a number of risks inherent within appendix 1 and the challenges it identifies, including those of capacity and demand. The Health and Wellbeing Board may wish to make recommendations to certain health partners with a view to mitigating these risks.

Consultees

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Report to HWBB re Children and Young People's Mental Health and Suicide during 2020

Background papers

None identified.

Report Reviewers Used for appraising this report:

Governance	Sarah Buffrey	Date 16/11/2021
Finance	Louise Devlin	Date 12/11/2021
Legal	Kate Coughtrie	Date 16/11/2021
Communications	Luenne Featherstone	Date 12/11/2021
Equality Duty	Carol Trachonitis	Date 10/11/2021
Procurement	Mark Cage	Date 17/11/2021

Risk	Paul Harris	Date 19/11/2021
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Approved by	Darryl Freeman	Date 25/11/2021
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Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

HWBB Health and Wellbeing Board

HSCP Herefordshire Safeguarding Childrens Partnership