

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE LEICESTERSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH GROUP

Purpose of the Leicestershire Mental Health Group

The purpose of the Leicestershire Mental Health Group is to provide leadership, direction and assurance on behalf of the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB), and to ensure that the mental health agenda is delivered in line with national policy and local priorities.

The Leicestershire Mental Health Group is responsible for the delivery of the Mental health cross cutting theme of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) for the County.

The principles of the JHWS include:

- Providing person centred care and support;
- Embedding prevention in all that we do;
- Enabling independence and self-care;
- Health and equity in all policies approach;
- Prioritising mental and physical health equally;
- Supporting Covid-19 pandemic recovery; and
- Using a trauma informed approach.

This group will also fulfil the role and purpose of the place based mental health group for Leicestershire, as part of the LLR wide Mental Health Collaborative Group, when it becomes established.

Role

The role of the group will include:

- Developing and implementing a place based mental health strategy and delivery plan through working with Neighbourhood partnerships and other stakeholders.
- Facilitating co-ordination, oversight, and collaborative working – across Leicestershire in relation to the spectrum of the mental health and emotional well-being agenda.
- Leading on driving, co ordinating and enabling mental health transformation within Leicestershire.
- Working with the Health and Wellbeing Board, Leicestershire County Council, district councils, local VCS partners, and local health organisations to set priorities and take informed local decisions on implementation.
- Working collaboratively with other Health and Wellbeing board subgroups (Children and Families Partnership Board; the Integration Executive; and the Staying Healthy Partnership Board) to ensure that there is a shared view of the mental health agenda; and to help avoid duplication.
- To work collaboratively with wider mental health system partners, including the LLR wide Mental Health Collaborative.

Scope

The scope of the group will be co-ordination and collaborative working in relation to mental health including, but not limited to, the following:

- Adults and children
- Prevention and mental health and well-being
- Urgent and emergency mental health
- Planned community mental health
- Inpatient mental health
- Getting help in neighbourhoods
- Suicide prevention
- Dementia

The group will adopt an approach based on the 'do, sponsor, watch' approach recognising that for a number of areas in scope, the work will be led and authorised elsewhere, but the group will maintain a 'watch' or 'sponsor' brief.

Membership

The membership of the group will be drawn from, but not limited to, strategic representatives from the following:

LCC Representatives

- LCC Public Health
- LCC Adults and Communities
- LCC Children and Families

District Representatives

- District Councils - three thematic leads

NHS/ICS Representatives

- LPT
- ICB
- UHL
- Primary care

Partner Representatives

- Employment services or similar - Job centre plus/ DWP
- Representative from Leicestershire Police
- Voluntary Sector representative
- Healthwatch
- User/Carer representation
- Probation service

Membership will be regularly reviewed to ensure the effective operation of the partnership and this will be reported annually to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Guests, Programme leads etc. will be invited for appropriate agenda items.

Substitutes can be provided in the absence of any members.

Meeting Frequency

Meetings to take place Bi-Monthly or as considered necessary by the group.

Chair

The Lead member for Health, at Leicestershire County Council (TBC)

Meeting Administration

Meetings will be administered by Leicestershire County Council

Location of Meetings

Meetings will usually be held online via Microsoft Teams.

Quoracy

In order to meet, conduct routine business and take decisions 6 members must be present of which at least:

- One must be a representative from LCC
- One must be a health representative
- One must be a district council representative

Reporting Arrangements

The Leicestershire Mental Health Group will submit to the Health and Wellbeing Board At least annual reports on progress on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities where MH group is taking a lead.

The Leicestershire Mental Health group will report, as appropriate, to the wider Mental health systems in place across LLR including the LLR Mental Health System Partnership Group.

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