

Report of the Chief Executive

PREVENTION CONCORDAT FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL1. Purpose of report

To advise Committee of and to seek approval for the submission of an application to sign up to Public Health England's Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health for All.

2. Detail

Pre-COVID-19, mental health problems were responsible for over a fifth of the 'burden of disease' in England costing over £105 billion. However, this burden has increased due to the impact of COVID-19 and is expected to increase still further due to the long term impacts of financial insecurity, widening inequalities and poverty, loneliness and isolation, loss of education and development, domestic violence, grief, deterioration in mental health problems due to reductions in service provision and support and working conditions especially for frontline workers.

The Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health for All is Public Health England's (PHE's) prevention and promotion framework for better mental health designed for local systems. Launched by PHE in 2017 the concordat has recently been reviewed and relaunched, re-opening to local authorities and health partnerships from 7 December 2020.

The concordat focuses on prevention and the wider determinants of mental health to impact positively on the NHS and social care system by enabling early help through the use of upstream interventions. The relaunched concordat has a new focus on reducing mental health inequalities translating need into deliverable commitments. It encourages collaborative work across organisational boundaries and disciplines to secure place-based improvements that are tailored to local needs and assets.

The concordat commitment requires a 12-month mental health prevention and promotion action plan (which this committee have previously approved) and the signing the Prevention Concordat consensus statement.

A copy of the application form is attached at the appendix.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the application submission be approved.

Background Papers

Nil