

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 4

### HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

28 JANUARY 2014

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CAPACITY

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide the scrutiny panel with an outline of today's meeting.

#### BACKGROUND

2. Members will recall that at the meeting on 17 December that the Chief Executive from Middlesbrough and Stockton MIND, Emma Howitt, discussed the current mental health picture from her organisation's perspective. The panel heard a number of things in that discussion; including, that not all GPs have a good understanding of the mental health services which are available to people and that the current medical model of care could have a more integrated approach.
3. In response to Members' questions regarding what improvements could be made, the panel were informed about the Mental Health Strategy Group and that it could be given more power in order to be more effective in developing a strategy for the future direction of mental health services. Members also wanted to find out more about the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) priorities in the area of mental health.

#### Today's meeting

4. In order to receive information on these issues, representatives from the CCG have been invited to give their views. Craig Blair, Head of Commissioning and Delivery, Dr Henry Waters and John Stamp will be in attendance to explore the issues.

#### Areas for Discussion

5. The following questions are not exhaustive, and it is suggested that they are general questions to be used as a guide for discussion at the meeting today.
  - a) What is the CCG's view of Mental Health Services in Middlesbrough and how did the CCG set its priorities in the area of Mental Health for 2014/15?

- b) We have heard that the current medical model of care should be developed into a more integrated model. How can the CCG help in developing a more focussed approach to mental health services?
- c) We have heard that some GPs are not as aware of available mental health services as some other GPs, what can, or is, being done, to ensure all GPs have access to information about mental health services in Middlesbrough.
- d) Where does the Mental Health Strategy Group fit in to developing mental health priorities for Middlesbrough and is there a case for giving that body more influence?

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6. It is recommended that the scrutiny panel note the information from today's meeting and agree if any further evidence is required for this review.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 7. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 February.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in this report.

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