

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Debbie Nixon, Blackpool with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Cllr Kath Rowson, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Date of Meeting :	4th March 2015

LANCASHIRE CRISIS CARE CONCORDAT AND ACTION PLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To brief members of the Health and Wellbeing Board on work being undertaken to deliver the obligations set out in the mental health crisis care concordat. To seek the approval of the Health and Wellbeing board for the mental health crisis concordat action plan and the governance arrangements to deliver it.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the content of the report.
- 2.2 To approve the Crisis Concordat Action Plan for Blackpool.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Concordat expects that, in every locality in England, local partnerships of health, criminal justice and local authority agencies will develop, agree and sign off Mental Health Crisis Declarations. These statements will then be supported and implemented through a multi - agency action plan with local actions delivering services that meet the principles of the national concordat including:
- A jointly agreed local declaration across the key agencies in line with principles of the national Concordat- establishing a commitment for local agencies to work together to continuously improve the experience of people in mental health crisis in their locality
 - A shared action plan to implement, monitor, track and review improvements.
 - Reduced use of police stations as places of safety and a fast-track assessment process for individuals whenever a police cell is used.
 - Evidence of sound local governance arrangements.

Full Crisis Care concordat document can be accessed at:

http://www.crisiscareconcordat.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/36353_Mental_Health_Crisis_accessible.pdf

The Department of Health and the Home Office in partnership with the Concordat signatories and other partners are planning practical ways to support and promote the development of these local agreements. The concordat sets out key elements of an effective system as shown in the table to improve responses for a mental health crisis, however, it is recognised that local approaches will differ due to local circumstances.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

No alternative options

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
- Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Mental Health Crisis Care concordat – Local Progress

Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG) has been nominated by all Clinical Commissioning Groups in Lancashire to take this work forward on their behalf on a Lancashire foot print.

Initial discussions between the Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group, Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust and North West Ambulance Service have taken place and the way forward has been agreed by working together on a Lancashire locality footprint. Rather than developing individual action plans for each agency the agreement is to develop a single action plan for the whole Lancashire. Lancashire locality will cover all eight Clinical Commissioning Groups and three local authorities.

A multiagency full day event, sponsored by Lancashire Constabulary and supported by all key partners, was held on 10th October 2014 at Lancashire Police Headquarters. Over 70 delegates representing Clinical Commissioning Groups, Police, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, Acute Trusts, North West Ambulance Service, three local authorities in Lancashire, service user and carer representative voluntary sector organisations attended the event to agree the way forward and support the development of declaration and the action plan.

A declaration agreed by 23 key local partners was submitted to the department of health in December 2014.

The deadline to agree and submit an action plan is 31st March 2015. The attached action plan has been prepared in extensive consultation with all key partners including representatives of service users cares and local communities.

5.2 Governance:

The action plan will be monitored via a steering group. A Lancashire wide multi-agency steering group consisting of representation from all partners agencies involved in responding to mental health crisis care has been established. The group will be chaired by Debbie Nixon – Chief Operating Officer from Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 5a: Mental Health Crisis Concordat Pan Lancashire Action Plan
Appendix 5b: Action Plan Signatories

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 Not applicable

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 Not applicable

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 Not applicable

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Not applicable

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Not applicable

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 Not applicable

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 This report is prepared by Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group and Blackpool Council

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None