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| <b>Notice of:</b>               | <b>EXECUTIVE</b>   |
| <b>Decision Number:</b>         | EX15/2023  |
| <b>Relevant Officer:</b>        | Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager   |
| <b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b> | Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Community Health and Wellbeing |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>         | 27 February 2023   |

## **MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION FOR YOUNG MEN SCRUTINY REVIEW FINAL REPORT**

**1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To consider the Mental Health Provision for Young Men Scrutiny Review Final Report.

**2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To consider the report and offer a response to the recommendations contained within the Action Plan, forwarding the recommendations to the relevant officers for consideration and implementation.

**3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 The recommendations contained within the final report seek to deliver improvements to mental health services provided to young men.

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

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

**4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

4.1 The Executive must consider the recommendations outlined in the Scrutiny Review but may accept them, reject them or vary them.

**5.0 Council priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council priority is “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing

resilience”.

## **6.0 Background information**

- 6.1 A joint informal meeting between the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee was held on 22 November 2021 to consider the proposed redevelopment of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, at which a number of key issues were identified. During this meeting, it was agreed that the mental health of young men aged 16-25 and suicide prevention in particular was of concern in Blackpool and required a review.
- 6.2 Due to the cross cutting nature of this topic, the review was established as a joint scrutiny review with Members from both the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee and Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee taking part. As the recommendations fall within the remit of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Community Health and Wellbeing it has been determined that the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee will take responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the recommendations.
- 6.3 The final report details the findings and recommendations of the review and is attached at Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.
- 6.4 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny / Cabinet Member Relations Protocol, the final report has been considered by the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2023, which approved the report for consideration by the Executive. Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Community Health and Wellbeing, has provided her comments on the recommendations contained within the report.
- 6.7 The Chairman of the review, Councillor Andrew Stansfield, has been invited to the Executive meeting to make representations on behalf of the Committee.
- 6.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## **7.0 List of Appendices:**

- 7.1 Appendix 2(a) – Mental Health Provision for Young Men Scrutiny Review Final Report

## **8.0 Financial considerations:**

- 8.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) of the report.

## **9.0 Legal considerations:**

- 9.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 Not applicable.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 Not applicable.

**13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

13.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.

**15.0 Key decision information:**

15.1 Is this a key decision? No

15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

15.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

15.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

**16.0 Call-in information:**

16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

16.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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### 17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: N/A Date approved: N/A

### 18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

18.1 None.

### 19.0 Summary of Discussion:

19.1 Councillor Stansfield, Chair of the Review Panel, presented the report to the Executive. Councillor Stansfield highlighted that the mental health of young men aged 16 – 25 in Blackpool had been a subject of significant concern for the Council and partners as well as within the wider community. Due to the cross cutting nature of this topic, the review was established as a joint scrutiny review with Members from both the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee and Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee taking part. It had been acknowledged that often those requiring help fell between services for children and those for adults with often neither being suitable for their needs. The review acknowledged some existing and more recent improvements so the recommendations sought to build on good practice. Councillor Farrell as the relevant Cabinet Member expressed gratitude to the Review Panel for its valuable work and endorsed the recommendations as a positive step forward.

### 20.0 Executive decision:

20.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To note the Scrutiny report on Mental Health Provision for Young Men and endorse the four recommendations noting that these recommendations have been accepted by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and Community Health and Wellbeing, and endorse the Cabinet Member’s comments on each recommendation.

### 21.0 Date of Decision:

21.1 27 February 2023

### 22.0 Reason(s) for decision:

22.1 The recommendations contained within the final report seek to deliver improvements to mental health services provided to young men.

**23.0 Date Decision published:**

23.1 28 February 2023

**24.0 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

24.1 The Executive noted it must consider the recommendations outlined in the Scrutiny Review but may accept them, reject them or vary them. In light of the recommendations' endorsement by the Cabinet Member it did not consider this a reasonable option.

**25.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

25.1 Councillor L Williams, in the Chair  
Councillors Brookes, Farrell, Hobson, Hugo, Smith and Taylor

**26.0 Call-in:**

26.1

**27.0 Notes:**

27.1 The following non-Executive members were in attendance: Councillors Hunter, Owen and Stansfield