Agenda Item No. 6

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

18 April 2023

SUBJECT: Mental Health

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT PRODUCED BY WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

1. The attached report outlines work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police in respect of Mental Health.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Mayor/DMPC uses the report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Mental Health.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 21-24

- 3. The Police and Crime Plan was developed after extensive public and partner consultation culminating in the creation of 'The Voice of West Yorkshire'. Face to face and online consultation and engagement ran from 1 September 2021-30 November 2021; The Voice of West Yorkshire is one of two key documents which supports the Police and Crime Plan 2021 -24. The document includes the notes of key events and can be found here: <u>police-and-crime-plan-voice-of-west-yorkshire-public-consultation.pdf (westyorks-ca.gov.uk).</u> Approximately half of respondents felt that addressing mental health issues should be a key priority.
- 4. The Plan consultation has told us that residents understand that addressing poor mental health and child vulnerability can help reduce crime. We will work with all partners to bring about a generational change in stopping people from falling into crime.
- Priority 4 Responding to Multiple and Complex Needs details a specific outcome to reduce trauma and build resilience for the population across West Yorkshire, for those who are vulnerable, facing multiple difficulties, complex needs, mental health crisis, adversity or childhood trauma.

KEY INFORMATION

- 6. Mayoral/DMPC Activity to date includes:
 - The West Yorkshire Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum is being re-established with a first meeting with partners on the 26th April 2023.

The forum, will be joint chaired by a senior manager from the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WY ICB) and the office of the Deputy Mayor for Police and crime will support West Yorkshire Police and partners through the changes necessary to mainstream the Right Care/Right Person principles advocated nationally by the National Police Chiefs Council and the College of Policing.

• Mayor's Safer Communities Fund

The Mayors Safer Communities Fund continues to deliver projects to tackle poor mental health. Details of projects funded can be found here <u>www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/mscf</u>. The Mayors Safer Communities Fund first 3 grant rounds awarded in 2022/23 resulted in 172 projects which were awarded a total of $\pounds1,037,781.75$ with 93 projects (54.07%) stating they were supporting Mental Health ($\pounds555,732.17$) and impacting 21,222 people.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

Mental Health significantly impacts on all discussions in all internal and external partnership meetings.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

With a diverse population distributed across urban and rural areas, understanding the needs of our communities can be complex. It is crucial that we are engaged with all our communities to understand their needs so we can serve them well. The health needs of people in the criminal justice system are increased by additional social needs and inequalities, unemployment, rough sleeping, lack or education, training and social isolation.

ATTACHMENT

Chief Constables report – Mental Health