COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

10 October 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: police-and-crime-plan-voice-of-west-yorkshire-public-consultation.pdf (westyorks-ca.gov.uk). 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.
- 5. 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 was reestablished in April 2023 and meets every six weeks.

The forum is convened by the deputy Mayor for Police crime with a primary a primary focus to 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. This meeting is ensuring that Senior Responsible Officers, a concordat or protocol and information sharing agreements across the health, social care, local authority, and policing partnership is in place to manage systems and processes.

- The Deputy Mayor chairs the Adversity Trauma and Resilience (ATR)
 Workstreams, run through the Violence Reduction Partnership. ATR is the
 delivery mechanism through which mental health, neurodiversity, and
 trauma informed approaches are embedded within systems across West
 Yorkshire, including wider criminal justice networks and victim & witness
 support.
- The impact of Criminal Justice measures impacting of Children and Young People is considered at the Children and Young People (CYP) Custody Detention Professionals Scrutiny Panel, convened by the deputy Mayor. This forum scrutinises West Yorkshire Police, social care and health partners in decision making regarding CYP remands to custody, provision of foster care in certain circumstances and the personal impact of custody detention, including mental health on CYP.
- 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 www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/mscf. The Mayors Safer Communities Fund first 4 grant rounds awarded in 2022/23 resulted in 221 projects which were awarded a total of £1,369,402.75 with 114 projects (51.5%) stating they were supporting Mental Health (£701,471.17) and impacting 25,771 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 of education, training and social isolation.

ATTACHMENT

Chief Constables report – Mental Health