



# Executive Partnership Board

## Report

**Title:** Mental Health Partnership Board update

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1. The following is an update of the position and work of the Mental Health Partnership Board (MHPB) to date.
2. The three objectives and actions described below have been developed by the MHPB and will form the action plan and work plan for the MHPB. This work will be reviewed and updated at each of the formal meetings of the MHPB.
3. Adult Mental Health priority areas arising from the national strategy are:
  - More people will have good mental health
  - More people with mental health problems will recover
  - More people with mental health problems will have good physical health

- More people will have a positive experience of care and support
- Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm
- Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination

#### **4. MHPB Objective One**

*People in receipt of benefits are supported and assisted where needed through the changes that are taking place within the Benefits System*

- a. the MHPB will feed into the wider work being coordinated through the Executive Partnership Board
- b. develop an understanding of the changes that are taking place
- c. identify likely implications for benefit recipients
- d. evaluate activities taking place to enable benefit recipients to receive/understand the impact of changes
- e. evaluate and recommend level of training frontline staff have received across all support agencies
- f. identify and support capacity of services to manage the impacts of Benefit change
- g. monitor impact of Benefit Changes on service users within the MHPB
- h. take opportunities and make recommendations for improvements in benefit support

#### **5. MHPB Objective Two**

*People accessing mental health services are given information about what they can expect to receive, including information about clinical pathways, what types of treatment are on offer and who will be involved in their care and treatment.*

- a. The MHPB will engage with groups of service users to look at the variety of pathways in preparation for the adoption of the Payment by Results regime in mental health
- b. map the range of mental health services available to people across the health and social care sector
- c. identify gaps in services
- d. investigate different levels of support
- e. describe step-down pathways that will encourage recovery

## 6. MHPB Objective Three

*Buckinghamshire will become part of a 'mental health friendly society' so that stigma and discrimination is reduced*

- a. the MHPB will support the planning and delivery of a calendar of public events (e.g. world mental health day) to publicise mental wellbeing
- b. map the range of mental health training available
- c. develop a tiered-approach to training to offer appropriate levels of information and training to the public, carers, organisations not involved in direct work in front-line mental illness and those involved in health and social care as specialists in mental health care and treatment