

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**10 October 2019**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAILBLAZER FUNDING**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the receipt of funding to the value of £0.137m from NHS England to further progress suicide prevention work within Derbyshire. This includes the procurement of a 12-month service to promote suicide prevention amongst local sports and leisure clubs and workplaces, and to approve extension of a current contract with Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide suicide prevention training to GP practices and other organisations.

**2. Information and analysis:**

The effects of self-harm and suicide can be devastating. Many people – friends, family, professionals, colleagues and wider society will feel the impact. There are also significant financial costs associated with a suicide. The average cost of a completed suicide of a working age adult in the UK is estimated to be £1.67m. Suicide rates in Derbyshire remain similar to the national average. However after 3 years of declining rates early indications for 2018 are that rates have increased.

Joined Up Care Derbyshire (JUCD), Derbyshire's Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP), brings together health and social care organisations across Derbyshire to provide the best care and services for people by taking a more joined up approach to health and social care.

In early 2019, Derbyshire County Council Public Health department, on behalf of JUCD successfully applied for Suicide Prevention and Trailblazer funding from NHS England, and was awarded £0.201m to further progress local plans to reduce the number of suicides in Derbyshire. Trailblazer funding has only been awarded to a few select areas within England, with the learning from each to be shared as best practise nationally.

At its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Joined Up Care Derbyshire Mental Health System Delivery Board agreed for Derbyshire Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Partnership Forum (DSSPPF) to have responsibility for overseeing implementation of the projects in respect to the NHSE Suicide Bereavement and

Trailblazer funding which is funding designed to raise awareness, improve skills and increase confidence to impact the suicide rate in Derbyshire.

As hosts of the Derbyshire Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Partnership Forum (DSSPPF) it was agreed that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) will manage and lead the commissioning and delivery of the projects outlined below:

#### Suicide Bereavement funding

- Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Resources £7,000: Resources to be purchased or produced to raise awareness and provide information.

#### Trailblazer funding

- Suicide Prevention Training £50,000: As DCC currently have a contractual arrangement with DHCT to deliver suicide prevention training we will be applying an extension to this arrangement.). Local trainers (Derbyshire GP's and DHCFT) deliver suicide prevention training to their peers in Primary Care, with DHCFT arranging the training and administrating the funds to facilitate the backfill for the GP's. This approach may also be expanded to other Derbyshire organisations.
- Targeted Intervention £80,000: A service, to be developed and procured by DCC, to give focus on vulnerable groups, those most in need, children and young people and middle aged men. Project officers/champions working in partnership with organisations including Active Derbyshire and Healthy Workplaces Derbyshire will engage with local sports and leisure clubs, organisations and businesses, to raise awareness, offer training and practical support. The procured service will be for an initial period of 12 months, but may be extended if further funding is made available from NHS England.

NHSDDCCG will use the remaining funding, £64,000, to fund Harmless and Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SOBS) to provide services for those bereaved or affected by suicide.

### **3 Social Value considerations:**

People who are bereaved by suicide are at higher risk of suicide themselves and it's evidenced that up to 80 people are affected by each suicide. This service will provide bereavement support at a time which is valuable to affected people.

This support brings together key partners, including Derbyshire Police, the Coroner and voluntary sector organisations to provide aligned support for people in Derbyshire.

The targeted intervention will work across organisations to 'make suicide prevention everyone's business'.

There is still stigma in talking about mental health and suicide prevention, this approach will have a positive impact in a range of settings which Derbyshire residents' access.

#### **4 Financial Considerations:**

NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG (NHSDDCCG). NHSDDCCG will transfer funds of £0.137m to DCC Public Health for the programme components identified above.

#### **5. Legal Considerations:**

NHS standard contracts and the DCC standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made to service providers, and shall state that the CCG and Council is not liable for any employment liabilities. These documents will be shared with DCC Public Health SMT once completed & agreed.

#### **6. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

#### **7. Background papers:**

Background papers, including copies of the application to NHSE are held within the Public Health department.

#### **8. Key Decision:**

No

#### **9. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

#### **10. Officer's Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities:

- Approves the receipt of funding of £0.137m from NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG to Derbyshire County Council
- Approves the procurement, for a period of 12 months, of a targeted suicide intervention service to the value of £80,000 that will work alongside local

sports and leisure clubs, and workplaces, to provide suicide awareness training and promotion of suicide safe messages

- Approves the transfer of £50,000 to Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to continue the delivery of suicide prevention training to local GP practices and other local organisations
- To approve delegation of further decisions in awards of contract, and if further funding is made available from NHS England, extension of contracts, to the Director of Public Health.

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