

# Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report for information

## Mental Health model – rapid improvement programmes

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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>The attached document sets out the context and imperatives for refining and enhancing Somerset's mental health model.</p> <p>The appendices include details of the first tranche of rapid improvement programmes currently being launched subject to successful recruitment of staff, funded through the Mental Health Investment Standard.</p> <p>We are currently awaiting news of the success or otherwise of further bids to NHS England and hope to be in a position to update further at the meeting.</p>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>The report is for information.</b>
<b>Reasons for recommendations:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Links to Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>	<p>The context and rapid improvement programmes set out in the attached document are a central part of Fit for my Future, the joint Somerset CCG and Somerset County Council health and care strategy, and support the ambition of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board to improve the lives of people Somerset and, in particular, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase healthy life expectancy, taking account of quality as well as length of life, and</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce inequality in life, and healthy life, expectancy between communities through greater improvements in more disadvantaged communities.</li> </ul> <p>We recognise the disparity in service access and the need to establish parity of esteem between mental and physical health services. The programmes set out in the attached presentation take us one step further to achieving this, although we recognise there is still more to do.</p>
<b>Financial, Legal and HR Implications:</b>	We will continue to bid for additional bespoke national NHS funding where we can to enhance our total spend on mental health services.
<b>Equalities Implications:</b>	People with mental health conditions often have poor access to support from physical health services. We recognise the disparity; enhanced support in the community and at an earlier stage for people with mental health illness will take us a step further to addressing this.
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	The key risk to the enhanced programme of support set out in the attached paper is in recruiting staff, however recruiting and retaining staff to work in community mental health positions is less difficult than recruitment to hospital-based positions.