

<b>Committee(s):</b> Health and Wellbeing Board	<b>Date(s):</b> 23.11.2018
<b>Subject:</b> The Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health Programme	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report proposes that the Health and Wellbeing Board nominates an elected member to act as mental health champion for the City of London Corporation, and becomes a full signatory of Public Health England's Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Approve the proposal for the City of London Corporation to become a joint signatory to the Prevention Concordat with Hackney Council.
- Nominate a mental health champion for the City of London Corporation

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health Programme is an initiative by Public Health England which aims to facilitate local and national action around preventing mental health problems and promoting good mental health.
2. It offers a set of resources designed to help local areas to put in place effective prevention planning arrangements around mental health. These are aimed at health and wellbeing boards, local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and their partners.

#### Current Position

3. The City of London Corporation is currently working jointly with the London Borough of Hackney and City and Hackney CCG to develop the *Mental Health Strategy 2015-18*. As both local authorities will share this strategy, it is proposed that they become joint signatories of the Concordat.

4. In order to sign up to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health, local authorities must meet the following criteria:
  - i. Have a named mental health champion who is either: an elected member, a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the chief executive (LA or CCG or both)
  - ii. Confirm that they have:
    - a. Completed and published a public mental health JSNA in the last 18 months, and have plans to refresh it or to do a focussed report on one of their priority themes OR
    - b. Completed and published a public mental health JSNA in the last 6 months OR
    - c. In the absence of a public mental health JSNA, arrangements are in place to initiate one within 3 months of signing
  - iii. A multi-agency suicide prevention plan in place
  - iv. Indicate plans for evaluation
  - v. Agree to schedule the public mental health on the agenda of a scrutiny board in the next 18 months.
  - vi. Sign off by the Health and Wellbeing Board
5. The City Corporation currently meets most of the criteria needed to join the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health programme except having a nominated Mental Health Champion.
6. The Mental Health Champion would provide leadership and influence the full range of City Corporation activities and responsibilities to prevent mental health issues arising and promote good mental health. Key tasks might include:
  - Advocating for mental health issues in committee meetings and during policy development
  - Reaching out to the local community to raise awareness and challenge stigma
  - Scrutinising the work of local services that have an impact on mental health
  - Fostering local partnerships between agencies to support people with mental health problems more effectively
  - Encouraging the City Corporation to support the mental health of its own workforce and those of its contractors.
7. The Mental Health Champion will have access to resources to help them with this role through the Concordat programme (which will also support the development of the JSNA). They will also be able to link up with a national network of Mental Health Champions through the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge Initiative, which is being facilitated by mental health NGOs (including Centre for Mental Health, Mind and the Mental Health Foundation).

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

8. This will support the delivery of the *Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy* and the *City Corporation/London Borough of Hackney/CCG Mental Health Strategy 2015-18*. Prevention will be key to the new mental health strategy, which is currently being developed by the City Corporation, City and Hackney CCG and Hackney

Council, with oversight from City and Hackney Mental Health Co-ordinating Committee, and linking into the Health Integration Programme.

### **Implications**

9. There are no financial or legal implications

### **Conclusion/Next Steps**

10. The aim of the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health is to help every local area to put effective prevention planning arrangements in place by the end of 2018. If the City Corporation agrees to join the Concordat and nominate a mental health champion, Hackney Council will take the signatory process forward on behalf of both local authorities.

### **Appendices**

- None

### **Background Papers**

Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health: Prevention planning resource for local areas – Public Health England.

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