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Summary

This report outlines the importance of the City of London Police and the City of London Corporation working together to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the Square Mile.

This report outlines the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Suicide Prevention Action Plan.

Recommendation(s)

Members of the Police Committee are asked to:

- Note the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Joint Suicide Prevention Action Plan.

Main Report

Background

1. Improving health and wellbeing in the City of London necessitates a partnership between the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police. This allows for many benefits including coordination and pooling of expertise, information and resources, as well as opportunities for innovation and cultural change to enable joint problem solving approaches.
2. This report presents the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Appendix 1) and the Suicide Prevention Action Plan (Appendix 2) to as examples of how the City of London Corporation and the Police are already working together to improve health and wellbeing in the City of London.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

3. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Health and Wellbeing Boards to produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) to tackle locally identified health needs. The City of London Police is represented at the City of London Health and Wellbeing Board by Superintendent Helen Isaac, who is a full member.
4. The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the JHWS in January 2017, and the action plan in June 2017. The JHWS covers the three year period from 2017/18 to 2020/21.
5. The Strategy (appendix 1) identifies the following priorities to improve health and wellbeing in the City of London:
 - Priority 1: Good mental health for all
 - Priority 2: A healthy urban environment
 - Priority 3: Effective health and social care integration
 - Priority 4: Children have the best start in life
 - Priority 5: Promoting healthy behaviours.
6. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan has been developed to outlines how we will deliver the vision and priorities of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and has been developed and will be delivered in conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group. The City of London Police is represented.
7. Within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan there are several areas where the Police can play a key part in delivery. These include the delivery of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan (which is further discussed later in this report), raising awareness of the risks of financial abuse, promoting and delivering Make Every Contact Count training to frontline staff and developing a Corporate Alcohol Strategy.

Suicide Prevention Action Plan

8. Following the transfer of public health from the NHS to local government in April 2013, suicide prevention became a local authority led initiative involving close collaboration with the police, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), NHS England, coroners and the voluntary sector.
9. The City has three potential population groups who are at risk of committing suicide: residents who live in the City; those who work in the City; and those who travel to the City with the intention of committing suicide from a City site, but have no specific connection to the City. Data from the coroner confirmed that there were 34 completed suicides in the City of London in the five years from 2009 to 2014. Seven of these were residents of the City of London and 27 were non-resident. These figures are consistent with the attempted suicide data, which

shows that most attempts are carried out by those with no specific connection to the City.

10. In January 2016 the Health and Wellbeing Board signed off the City of London's first Suicide Prevention Action Plan. Since then, the Suicide Prevention Action Plan Working Group consisting of representatives from Public Health, the CCG, City of London Police, the Samaritans, the RNLI and Port Health and Public Protection have completed 24 of 29 actions in the action plan.
11. In January 2017, the Board agreed the document should be refreshed as a joint strategy between the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police in recognition of the fact that much of the frontline response to suicide in the City of London is delivered by the City of London Police and a joint strategy strengthens the working relationship and improves our strategic response to suicide prevention in the City.
12. The refreshed action plan was presented to the City of London Police's Vulnerability Steering Group and was subsequently signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board in April 2017.
13. The City of London Suicide Prevention Action Plan (attached as Appendix 2 to this report) outlines actions across six priority areas taken from the National Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS) with accompanying recommendations which have been tailored to address our local needs.
14. Overall objectives of this action plan are to are to:
 - Reduce suicide rates in the at risk populations (residents, workers and those who travel to the City to commit suicide)
 - Provide better support for those bereaved or affected by suicide
15. Some of the main additions to the refreshed joint Action Plan include the implementation of the Street Triage Pilot and the inclusion of Street Pastors, on which the City of London Police are leading. The City of London Police are also partners in delivering the 'Release The Pressure' campaign and are developing a data profile to help with understanding the issue of suicide in the City of London.

Monitoring

16. An update report on the Action Plan progress, with a review of suicide data in the City of London, will be produced for the Health and Wellbeing Board and the City of London Police's Vulnerability Steering Group annually. Progress against the plan will also be monitored at the Force's monthly Force Tasking meeting.
17. Progress of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board every 6 months.

Conclusion

18. The City of London Police Force is key to the implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Suicide Prevention Action Plan and other work of the

Health and Wellbeing Board. A continuing partnership between the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police at all levels will aid effective delivery.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Appendix 2 – City of London Suicide Prevention Action Plan

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