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Summary

This paper considers the impact of the *City of London Mental Health Strategy 2015-18* over its three-year lifespan. An impact assessment is provided as an appendix.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

1. The *City of London Mental Health Strategy 2015-18* was a joint strategy of the City Corporation and City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Implementation was overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community and Children's Services Grand Committee, with officers reporting against an Action Plan.
2. The strategy addressed four priority areas:
 - *Prevention*: fewer people developing mental health problems and people who recover from them staying well;
 - *Personalisation*: giving people choice and control;
 - *Recovery*: supporting people to get and stay better and to lead fulfilled lives; and
 - *Delivery*: effective mental health services, tools and resources.

It identified three target populations: residents, workers and rough sleepers.
3. An independent Mental Health Provision Audit reported in March 2019, concluding that an adequate control frame had been in place for the strategy.

Summary of Impact Assessment

4. In 2017-18, City and Hackney CCG invested £44.5 million in mental health services. Investment in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services rose from £5.2 million in 2014-15 to £8.2 million this year. A third of the City Corporation's adult social care budget was accounted for as mental health spend.
5. Overall, the 2015-18 strategy has been implemented successfully, with 47 out of 52 actions completed or progressed, and five actions outstanding.

6. Key achievements include:

- The Mental Health Street Triage project has reduced the number of people sectioned under s. 136 of the Mental Health Act by 63%;
- More residents can access 'talking treatment' via the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme, and more children and young people can access Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services;
- Innovative community projects have been developed through the City's Social Wellbeing Strategy, including the Dragon Café at Shoe Lane Library, which has provided a bi-weekly space to 'release the pressure'.

7. Areas for further work include improving access to services for the most vulnerable people and those with 'complex needs'; addressing the links between physical and mental health problems and providing services that can reach all sections of our diverse communities. There is also a need to transfer more people with serious and enduring mental health problems from secondary to be supported by primary mental health services in their local community.

8. This work will be developed as part of the *City and Hackney Mental Health Strategy 2019-23*, which is being developed as part of the wider programme of work being overseen by the Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Corporate & Strategic Implications

9. A mental health strategy makes a key contribution to delivering a range of outcomes in the City of London Corporate Plan 2018-19:
- People are safe and feel safe;
 - People enjoy good health and wellbeing;
 - People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential;
 - Communities are cohesive and have the facilities they need;
 - Businesses are trusted and socially and environmentally responsible;
 - We have access to the skills and talent we need;
 - We are digitally and physically well-connected and responsive.

Implications

10. There are no direct financial or legal implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

11. Significant progress has been made through the implementation of the 2015-18 mental health strategy, which will be built on by a new strategy that is being developed with partners through the integrated care programme, and is expected to be finalised in September 2019.

Appendices

- *Mental Health Strategy 2015-18 – Impact Assessment*

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