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Mental Health, Neurodiversity & Learning Disability Alliance Partnership Agreement.

Purpose

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet about the Mental Health, Neurodiversity and Learning Disability Alliance Partnership.
- 1.2 To request Cabinet approval for the partnership agreement.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note and approve the Mental Health, Neurodiversity and Learning Disability Alliance partnership agreement.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of People Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health to sign off the partnership agreement on behalf of the Council.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 The partnership agreement has been co-produced with multiple partners operating in the health and care sector in Derby. The agreement is proposed and endorsed by the Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care System, Joined Up Care Derbyshire.
- 3.2 Under the Council's constitution executive approval is required to allow the Council to enter into the partnership agreement.

Supporting information

- 4.1 A Partnership Board has been in place since 2019, focussed on the delivery of the NHS long term plan requirements for Mental Health, Learning Disability & Autism. Multi-agency representation across health, social care, police, independent sector, voluntary and community sector have participated on the Board.
- 4.2 With progression to an Integrated Care System partners wanted to explore opportunities of developing a more structured Alliance which would have a wider remit than just NHS plan delivery, incorporating the wider health, care and support needs of the Derby & Derbyshire population.

- 4.3 Wide invitation was sent across statutory, independent sector and 3rd sector providers who have a focus on improving mental health and supporting people who are neurodiverse or have a learning disability within Derby & Derbyshire to come together and co-produce an Alliance Partnership Agreement.
- 4.4 All participants felt there was benefit in coming together more formally, to have an equal power balance in the partnership and break down organisational sovereignty where this obstructs achievement of the right outcomes and behaviours for our population.
- 4.5 It was accepted that to achieve the required trust and new ways of working will take some time and not happen over-night. The group worked together to co-produce a shared purpose, shared vision, shared principles and describe our population health management approach.
- 4.6 Information was regularly shared with VCSE organisations who didn't have the capacity to attend to ensure they had an opportunity to feed in and influence the discussions
- 4.7 An Alliance Partnership Agreement has been co-authored and reflects both the emergence of the Alliance and the direction of travel which partners wish to explore further. Partners are now working on co-producing the priorities and a work plan for the first 12 months which will be launched in September.
- 4.8 The Alliance Agreement outlines the purpose of the alliance, shared commitments, working principles and the approach to be adopted. Further details can be found in the attached document.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 A wide array of partners and stakeholders were invited to co-produce the alliance partnership agreement.
- 5.2 Once the agreement is approved by all partners a launch event has been proposed on the 23rd of September 2022.

Other options

- 6.1 Not to enter the agreement with NHS partners, VCSE and Independent Sector Care providers. This option is not recommended for the Council as we are a key partner in the delivery of good health outcomes for the public.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None – arising from this report

Legal implications

- 8.1 The Council will be entering into an arrangement which shall require Council staff to use their best endeavours to comply with the values and principles outlined in the alliance agreement.
- 8.2 The alliance agreement has no bearing on the statutory responsibilities of the Council in relation to health and care.

Climate implications

- 9.1 None

Other significant implications

- 10.1 Staff working in health and social care will need to collaborate and co-operate with colleagues in other organisations who are signed up to the Alliance Partnership Agreement.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Alliance Partnership Agreement