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## **COVID Pandemic - Impact on Mental Health Services**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 In November, the Health and Wellbeing Board received a report from Healthwatch Derby on Derby's Mental Health and Crisis Support Services Report. The Board asked for an overview of the impact on mental health services at a future meeting. The purpose of this report is to provide this overview.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.1 To consider and note the overview provided.

### **Reason**

- 3.1 To ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board is sighted on the impact of COVID on mental health service provision and proposed response. This supports the Health and Wellbeing Board in delivering its responsibility to understand and improve the health and wellbeing of the local population.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The COVID pandemic has, and continues to have, significant impact on the local population and on our health and care services.
- 4.2 The first wave of the pandemic raised significant issues, service change and key COVID activity in relation to mental health, learning disability and Children's services. This includes significant increases in mental health urgent care activity.
- 4.3 Between July to October 2020 restoration and recovery work was undertaken including re-opening of closed services.
- 4.4 Response during waves 2 and 3 has been different to response in wave 1. Services have been reduced to redeploy staff when required and service closures have been avoided on the scale of Wave 1.
- 4.5 The Derbyshire Health and Care system in January and February was under significant strain, responding to the spike in COVID admissions, winter pressures and mass delivery of vaccination programme.

- 4.6 Work has been undertaken to estimate the impacts of COVID and future demand growth due to direct and secondary impacts of COVID-19. This has been used to understand the impact on different population groups.
- 4.7 Using this information and consideration of our response to-date has enabled us to identify lessons learnt which is supporting future planning.
- 4.8 A presentation will be delivered to the Health and Wellbeing Board providing an overview of the impact on the population's mental health and wellbeing needs and service delivery.

#### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 None.

#### **Other options**

- 6.1 None.

#### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 None.

#### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 None.

#### **Climate implications**

- 9.1 None.

#### **Other significant implications**

- 10.1 The report describes significant impact on local mental health need and service demand.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:
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