



Scrutiny Work Programme Suggestion Form

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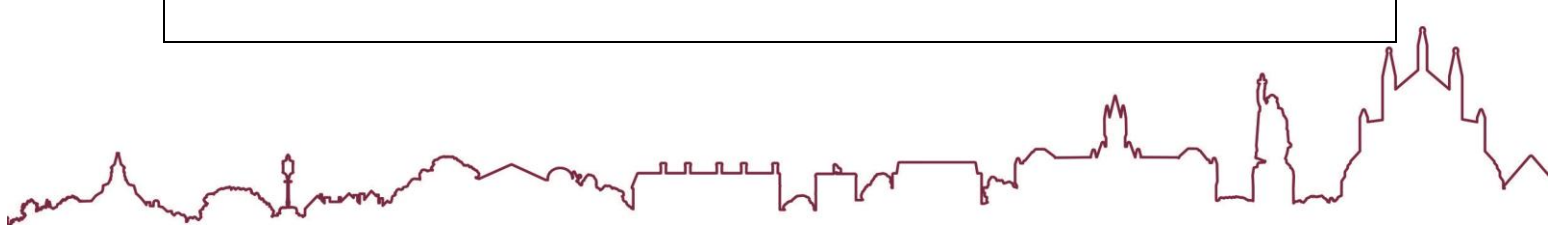
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Proposer:	Cllr Caroline Brook, Cllr Angela Clear, Cllr Anne Weir
Title of Item:	Mental health options in Winchester District [Working title]
Relevant Corporate Head of Service:	Lisa Kirkman, Gillian Knight
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Jackie Porter, Kelsie Learney

Please give a brief statement explaining what the issue is and why this item should be considered. Be sure to have a clear purpose and include any background information and evidence that will assist the committee in understanding the need for and timing of this item. **Please advise if the matter is 'time-critical' as this will also assist in considering the scheduling of the matter':**

Covid-19 lockdowns and anxieties have further exposed the serious gaps which have existed for many years in the provision of and accessibility to support for people/residents experiencing problems with their mental health across Winchester District. For many, assessment for and access to free services are a post-code lottery. Services for those with moderate to severe problems and for young people, in particular, are wholly under-resourced – the only support available at the time of need more often than not being privately paid for, largely unregulated [check] independent practitioners. Persistent poor mental health can impact work, personal relationships, housing tenure, and education, crime and substance abuse, with knock-on consequences for council and community services.

This Scrutiny group will review the current landscape for mental health services across the district and WCC's policies and services, and identify opportunities to work with partners to tackle inequalities and build a stronger infrastructure for mental health



What is the impact or effect on residents, how could they be included in the committee's considerations?

Affordability - inequality
Financial impacts
Family and household impacts

Engage with support groups – Community First, You Trust, Community Associations etc, Mind, I-talk.

What outcomes or changes would you like to see as a direct result of the committee addressing this item?

Stronger partnerships with neighbouring Tier 2 councils and Hampshire CC, as well as the NHS CCGs and PCNs to reduce inequalities, expand services and provide assurance about the quality of services available.

How does this item link to the council's priorities and corporate objectives?

The Council Plan priorities include:

Living Well

- reduced health inequality
- Services that work for all, but especially for residents who need more help to live well

Homes for all

- Creating communities not just homes
- No-one sleeping rough except by choice

Your services, your voice

- Constructive and effective partnerships across the district