

## **DRAFT – Terms of Reference – HOSC Working Group – Mental Health Services**

To create a collaborative responsive working group for members to consult, inform, fact find and learn about mental health service provision (NHS, LA and voluntary sector) in Thurrock, and to understand the existing mechanisms in place for governance and oversight of mental health service delivery.

The group will evaluate learning from professional, multiagency, and integrated locality MDTs across the four localities in Thurrock which aim to enable early identification and prevention and thereby support individuals within the communities to find the bespoke solutions. Furthermore, the group together with Healthwatch and key voluntary organisations will look at community themes and voices of those using the services.

Aligned to the Better Care Together Thurrock Strategy and associated Integrated locality Working Board covering Chapters 7 & 8 of the strategy, the group will report into the Better Care. Together Executive.

The outcome of the working group would be to provide a report on the summary themes and recommend further action to the Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee.

### **Membership:**

- 4 elected members (2 Conservatives, 1 Labour, 1 Independent)
- 1 co-opted

### **Chair:**

The Chair will be elected by the membership of the Working Group at its first meeting. The appointment will last until the work of the Working Group is complete.

### **Duration:**

The Working Group will be established with the expectation for the working group to complete its task by January 2024. A report will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 7 March 2024

### **Meeting Schedule:**

The Working Group will meet once a month, in line with the key dates proposed in the below table. The first meeting, date yet to be confirmed, will be to look at the overview of the group and come up with scope of themes to be discussed.

## Activities:

The working group will undertake all but not exclusively the following activities:

- Review MDT forums at place
- Look at what works well v. those not across the system and locally.
- Look at inpatient data relating to Thurrock Residents
- Presentation of individual at time of discharge v. what a good discharge would look like.
- Look at learnings from MDTs and Healthwatch themes.
- Feedback into Strategic Plans
- Inform and report back to both Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

These meetings and activities can be held during the day.

## Decision-Making:

The Working Group has no executive power, and all findings and recommendations will be referred directly to the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## Timeline:

The below table will provide the timeline:

Date	Action	Response
Early September 2023	Meet to discuss scope of group. Confirm MDTs in scope data sources, analysis, and evaluation process. Implement project plan.	
October	Review data / challenges and agree next steps.	
November	Review data /challenges and agree next steps.	
December	Review data /challenges and agree next steps.	
January 2024	Draft recommendations.	
February	Final report.	
March	Report back to committees.	