

	<b><u>Agenda Item: 9</u></b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Birmingham Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>24 September 2019</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Birmingham Public Health. Birmingham City Council</b>
<b>Presenting Officer</b>	<b>Dr Justin Varney, Birmingham Director of Public Health</b>

<b>Report Type:</b>	<b>Approval and delegated responsibility for delivery to the Creating a Mentally Healthy City Forum</b>
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<b>1. Purpose:</b>	
1.1	The attached report ( <b>Appendix 1</b> ) follows an agreement at Full Council on the 06/11/2018 that a suicide prevention strategy would be developed.
1.2	The strategy sets out the priorities for action and a shared ambition for the city to reduce deaths from suicide, as part of the wider ambition to become a mentally healthy city.

<b>2. Implications:</b>		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Childhood Obesity	
	Health Inequalities	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Creating a Healthy Food City		
Creating a Mentally Healthy City		Y
Creating an Active City		
Creating a City without Inequality		
Health Protection		

<b>3. Recommendation</b>
The Board is asked to note the update on the implementation of the Birmingham multi-agency Suicide Prevention Strategy.

#### **4. Report Body**

##### **4.1 Context**

- Suicide is preventable. The latest figures in Birmingham, indicate suicide rates to be significantly lower than the England average and the lowest of all the core cities.
- Birmingham's ambition is to maintain the lowest and reduce numbers, improve the rate.
- The Five Year Forward View for Mental Health set the ambition that by 2020/21 the number of people taking their own lives will be reduced by 10% nationally compared to 2016/17 levels. This included the development and delivery of local multi-agency suicide prevention and action plans.
- The NHS Long Term plan contains suicide prevention and reduction ambitions too, including bereavement support for families and staff bereaved by suicide and a new longer term management of self-harm.
- Birmingham City Council has a partnership approach to suicide prevention and has worked with NHS England / Public Health England to develop this strategy.
- Equality Impact Assessment undertaken – the strategy considers all the protected characteristics.

##### **4.2 Current Circumstance**

- The draft Birmingham Suicide Prevention Strategy has been through internal council approval process and is being presented to the HWB for ratification. Following this process to be presented to Full Council.
- The multi-agency suicide prevention partnership, chaired by DPH will support the implementation of the Action Plan

##### **4.3 Next Steps / Delivery**

- The Birmingham Suicide Prevention Working Party will be the driving partnership group that will enable and oversee delivery of the action plan that underpins these priorities and report to the Creating a Mentally Healthy City Forum.
- Significant ongoing work continues to take place ensuring the Action Plan is robust and timely. It will require long term support and commitment from many partners and the HWB to achieve its ambition for a zero suicide.
- Much effort is being taken to enable meaningful data is captured from real

time surveillance, data sharing agreements and close partnership working with the Birmingham Coroner, NHSE & PHE, police is being undertaken.

- **Appendix 2** - The developing Action Plan

## **5. Compliance Issues**

### **5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update**

- 5.1.1 The Creating a Health Mentally Healthy City Forum will be responsible for oversight of the Birmingham Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan.
- 5.1.2 Taking a public health focus and approach to mental health wellbeing in the city will focus on drawing together partnership action and a strategic approach that will enabled citizens to thrive.
- 5.1.3 The Creating a Mentally Healthy City Forum will provide a link between the Health and Wellbeing Board, the NHS Mental Health Pathways Programme Board and the NHS Mental Health Partnership Stakeholder Board.

### **5.2 Management Responsibility**

Justin Varney, Birmingham Director of Public Health  
Mo Phillips, Service Manager – Wider Determinants of Health & Wellbeing

## **6. Risk Analysis**

<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Actions to Manage Risk</b>
Partners not delivering on the assigned actions	Medium	Medium	Robust monitoring and regular update reports via the Suicide Prevention Working Group and Creating a Mentally Healthy City Forum.
The Equality Impact Assessment should be regularly updated as the strategy is developed and the Action Plan drafted.	Low	Low	An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken which reported that the strategy had considered all the legally protected characteristics.

## **Appendices**

1. Birmingham Suicide Prevention Strategy
2. Draft Action Plan

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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