	Agenda Item: 13
Report to:	**Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board**
Date:	**27th March 2025**
TITLE:	**Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Provider Collaborative ï Mental Health Five Year Strategy**
Organisation	**BSOL Mental Health Provider Collaborative**
Presenting Officer	**Jenny Watson, Deputy Director for Commissioning and Transformation, BSOL Mental Health Provider Collaborative**

Report Type:	Discussion

1. Purpose:

1.1. The purpose of this report is to share with members the activities being taken forward by the Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Provider Collaborative (BSOL MHPC) to develop an All-Age Mental Health Strategy in order to improve all age mental health.

1.2. The BSOL MHPC is responsible for all age tactical commissioning and delivery of the NHS Mental Health Care Programme across Birmingham & Solihull with accountability into the BSOL Integrated Care Board (ICB).

1.3. The All-Age Mental Health Strategy will:

- Be coproduced, reflecting the views of our communities, service users, parents and carers, partner organisations, and other stakeholders.
- Cover Birmingham and Solihull but be underpinned with local Place delivery plans.
- Support the delivery of improved mental health, increased life expectancy and our health and care services deliver good quality care and support the population.
- Recognise that we need to address health inequalities, rising acuity, increased demand for services where we need to have a focus on preventative approaches and an aging and diverse population, workforce shortages and limited funding.
- Set the direction for the next five years.
- Recognise the national direction of travel, particularly as set out in the new NHS 10 Year Plan to be published in 2025.

1.4. The Strategy will run alongside a newly developed Creating a Mentally Healthy City Strategy for Birmingham which will focus on prevention of mental ill-health.

The Mentally Healthy City Partnership and Mental Health Provider Collaborative will regularly partnership work to ensure robust system-wide actions to promote mental health and wellbeing and prevent suicides and self-harm.

2. Implications (tick all that apply):		
Creating a Bolder, Healthier, City (2022-2030) ï Strategic Priorities	Closing the Gap (Inequalities)	
	Theme 1: Healthy and Affordable Food	
	Theme 2: Mental Wellness and Balance	x
	Theme 3: Active at Every Age and Ability	
	Theme 4: Contributing to a Green and Sustainable Future	
	Theme 5: Protect and Detect	
	Getting the Best Start in Life	
	Living, Working and Learning Well	
	Ageing and Dying Well	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		

3. Commissionerôs Review:

3.1. This report is from the Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Provider Collaborative and therefore is not subject to review by the Commissioners.

4. Recommendation

4.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- **Receive** and **note for assurance** the progress being made by the BSOL Mental Health Provider Collaborative.
- **Comment** on the priorities included within the Strategy Blueprint.

5. Report Body

Development of the Strategy

5.1. From April 2024 the MHPC has been working closely with partners to gather insight to inform the development of the strategy. This has included the following activities:

- Commissioning an All Age Mental Health, Health Needs Assessment from the Centre for Mental Health to understand the local population health needs across BSOL.
- Commissioning an Experience of Care Campaign from Rethink Mental Illness to reach out into communities to understand their experiences of mental health support and to understand reasons why communities don't access services.
- A call for comments on a new coproduced model of care for children and young people across BSOL, which lead to 207 responses.
- Review and theming of a range of sources of feedback about services, engagement with communities and regulatory reviews.
- Collation of activity and performance of commissioned services including known gaps.
- Exploring opportunities with partners to align and join up strategies and plans.

5.2. Based on everything we have heard we have developed a **Strategy Blueprint** which is a high-level summary of what will be in our strategy. It explains our vision, ambitions and priorities for the future. It will inform our detailed implementation plans which will be worked up in 2025.

5.3. We have been sharing this blueprint with a wide variety of people between January and March 2025 to hear feedback and make sure we have got it right. This includes community engagement events, MHPC governance groups, and sessions with key stakeholders across the system including the ICB, local authorities, Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector and the Community Care Collaborative.

Strategy Blueprint

5.4. The MHPC have identified a number of **guiding principles** which are the golden threads underpinning our Strategy and will be embedded across all of our transformation priorities and service developments. These include improving timely access, keeping people safe, improving outcomes, person centred care and the prevention of mental ill health.

5.5. Five key **transformation priorities** have been developed in draft as a result of the insight gathered so far, the national direction of travel for mental health and the local strategic ambitions of the ICB.

- **Priority 1: Children & Young People's Transformation** – ensuring that we improve timely access and deliver improved outcomes for all children and young people.
- **Priority 2**: **Acute and Urgent Care Pathway** – ensuring that we have a model of care that focuses on how we can prevent admissions, when admissions are required that they are purposeful and that the environment in which people are cared for is therapeutic and facilitative of a timely discharge.
- **Priority 3: Mental Health Services in the community** – enhancing mental health and wellbeing in communities.

- **Priority 4**: **Specialist Placement Pathways** ï when people need help to live independently in the community or within a specialist setting, that they are supported appropriately by teams with the specialist knowledge and expertise.
- **Priority 5: Learning Disabilities & Autism** ï recognising that we need to ensure that environments are adaptive and responsive to need

5.6. There are a number of key **enablers** that have been identified that will support with the delivery of the strategy. These include workforce, estates, digital, VCFSE sector, governance and communications. Further work will be undertaken to scope where opportunities exist to harness the opportunities joint working could achieve in these areas.

Next steps

5.7. The MHPC have a series of engagement sessions scheduled with stakeholders. These engagement sessions will help to develop the vision and strategy of the collaborative for the next five years and review the proposed transformation priorities to see if they respond to the insight gathered to inform the Strategy.

5.8. The MHPC will develop a final strategy based on the strategy blueprint and the feedback from the engagement sessions and progress through the BSOL ICB governance route for sign off with anticipated launch in the first half of 2025/26.

6. Compliance Issues
6.1. HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update
The BSOL MHPC will present annual updates on the implementation of the Strategy alongside the Mentally Healthy City Partnership updates about the Mentally Healthy City Strategy to the HWBB.
6.2. Management Responsibility
Jenny Watson, Deputy Director of Commissioning and Transformation, MHPC
6.3. Finance Implications
The Strategy will articulate the resources available to deliver the commissioning intentions for mental health and the processes in place to ensure value for money and monitoring of improved outcomes and experience.
6.4. Legal Implications
None specifically.
6.5. Equalities Implications (Public Sector Equality Duty)
The All-Age Mental Health Needs Assessment and insight gathered from communities will be used to identify equality implications for consideration in the strategy development.

7. Risk Analysis			
Identified Risk	**Likelihood**	**Impact**	**Actions to Manage Risk**
Risks will be fully identified alongside the development of Place implementation plans.			

Appendices
Slide Deck ï Mental Health Provider Collaborative Strategy Blueprint

Background Papers
N/A

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

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