Public Health Devon



Proposal for the Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board to provide the Governance structure for the Making Every Adult Matter pilot

1. Proposal

1.1 This report proposes that the Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board provides the governance structure for the 'Making Every Adult Matter' pilot.

2. Background

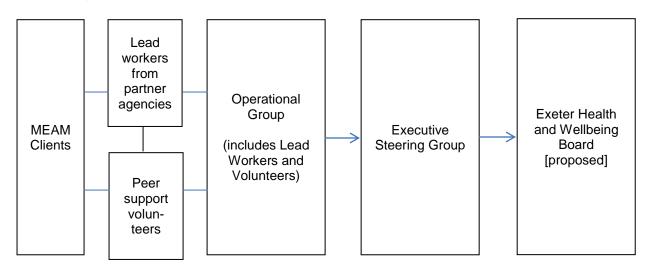
- 2.1 Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) is a national partnership between four national charities; Homeless Link, Drugscope, Clinks and Mind and aims to influence policy and services for adults facing multiple needs and exclusions.
- 2.2 Devon's MEAM partnership has evolved from an Action Learning Set initiated by the Devon DAAT and is led by Public Health. The steering group includes commissioners from, Devon and Cornwall Probation, National Offender Management Service, Devon County Council Adult Services, Public Health, Exeter City Council, the CCG Mental Health Commissioner as well as representation from the Voluntary sector via Devon Reform and Exeter Shilhay / Chapter One.
- 2.3 The Strategic Group (above), submitted an 'Expression of Interest' to the MEAM coalition in early 2013 to become a pilot area for the South West and was chosen as one of the 9 local authority areas to work with the national partners to deliver improved outcomes and interventions for people with complex needs.
- 2.4 The Strategic group have met regularly over the past 12 months to plan the pilot, with aim that it sits alongside and works in symbiosis with other initiatives such as 'targeted families' and 'Turnaround.
- 2.5 The pilot is now nearly at 'delivery stage' with a potential initial cohort identified and agreed upon. Before proceeding, a governance structure needs to be agreed

3. Business Case

3.1 The MEAM pilot meets one of the Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board's priorities: '(4) health of the most disadvantaged.' as such it is felt that the board is best placed to provide the strong overview and scrutiny that The MEAM initiative requires.

- 3.2 Exeter City Council has bid into the Single Homeless Fund (Department of Communities and local Government). If successful, the intention is to fund two posts and provide money for training to support the MEAM pilot. It is therefore appropriate that the Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board are sighted on and able to scrutinise these evolving developments in order to satisfy the Board's stated priority (4).
- 3.3 A strategic group has been established comprising of senior managers within key organisations; this group will interface between the Board and the operational group, to ensure that barriers and blockages are removed or worked around in order to achieve MEAM outcomes for those that are most disadvantaged.

3.4 Proposed structure:



The Governance group would be the Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board, The Executive Steering Group would be the current Strategic Group with additional stakeholders, the operational group will comprise of managers and frontline workers from agencies that are in contact with individuals who have complex needs and will to some extent mirror the strategic group in membership.

- 3.5 It is envisioned that the Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board will oversee the MEAM pilot and serve as a continuous 'evaluation tool' and a 'critical friend' for the project. A report giving an update of the pilot, highlighting achievements and challenges will be made available at the quarterly meetings
- 3.6 Continuity will be provided by having member(s) of the Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board sitting on the Executive Steering Group and members of the Executive Steering Group sitting on the Operational Group.

4. Next Steps

4.1 There is an executive Steering group on 24th September where the action

plan will be updated.

4.2 Exeter City Council are still waiting to hear if their bid to the Single homeless Fund has been successful.

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