

Cabinet

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The Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health

Recommendation

That Warwickshire County Council signs up to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health as set out in the application form in the Appendix.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 The Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health was first developed in 2016 and promotes a joined up preventative approach to improve Mental Health at both local and national level. The Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board have already agreed to sign up to the Concordat. This report recommends that the County Council also signs up to the Concordat.
- 1.2 A range of public bodies including the Local Government Association, Association of Directors of Public Health UK, Public Health England and NHS England have signed a national Consensus Statement under the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health, committing to work together to promote good mental health and prevent mental health problems. The consensus statement and full list of signatories can be accessed via the link below.
- 1.3 The County Council together with its partners and stakeholders are already working in a way which is consistent with the Concordat. The current activity and commitment to the Concordat is summarised in the Application Form attached as an Appendix.

2.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 2.1 There are no particular timeframes associated with the decision.

Background papers

1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevention-concordat-for-better-mental-health-consensus-statement/prevention-concordat-for-better-mental-health#consensus-statement>

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The report was circulated to the following members prior to publication:

Local Member(s): None

Other members: Cllr Seccombe, Cllr Caborn, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Rolfe and Cllr Bell.



Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health: information required from signatories to the Consensus Statement

We are delighted that you are interested in becoming a signatory to the [Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health Consensus Statement](#). You will be joining a number of organisations who have committed to working together to prevent mental health problems and promote good mental health through local and national action.

Please can you complete the template below to enable us capture your pledge and the key contacts in your organisation. Once completed, please send to: publicmentalhealth@phe.gov.uk

Lead Contact	Emily van de Venter, Associate Director of Public Health, Warwickshire County Council and South Warwickshire CCG.
Name of Organisation	Warwickshire County Council
Type of Organisation	Public Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private company <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)
Are you a national organisation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please State which regions you cover
Please tell us more about your organisation's work (no more than 150 words)	Warwickshire County Council provides essential public services to 560,000 residents of Warwickshire, from education, public health, child and adult social care to fire and rescue, trading standards, roads, environment and strategic planning.
What are you currently doing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prevention of mental health problems and suicide • promotion of mental health 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a multi-agency suicide prevention plan 2. We have an elected member champion for the County Council 3. We have a running programme of mental health campaigns targeted at different audiences 4. We have a programme to support people with mental health illness return to employment 5. We work closely with the voluntary sector through the Community Resilience workstream within the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and a local Mental Health Partnership forum involving public and third sector representatives.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. “It Takes Balls To Talk” campaign has been running since 2016 to engage males in conversations about mental health, primarily through engagement at local sporting venues. 7. We have a new Child and adolescent mental health service (RISE) and a School Health and Wellbeing Service which incorporate prevention and whole school approaches to promote wellbeing. 8. A range of support for those experiencing mental health challenges is provided through a network of Wellbeing for Warwickshire Hubs. 9. We have established working groups to focus on addressing social isolation and self-harm across the county. 10. We are working with partners within our Sustainability and Transformation Partnership to improve the recovery of patients with mental health illness and to pilot innovative community-based provision for individuals experiencing distress. 11. 2019 will be a “Year of Wellbeing” in Coventry and Warwickshire and we will use this to galvanise promotion of wellbeing as a priority for our organisation and our partners, building on activity that is already happening to support the wellbeing of employees and residents in Warwickshire.
<p>What contribution would you like to commit to in 2018/19 and beyond</p>	<p><i>We will ensure that promoting positive mental health and preventing mental distress becomes a core part of what we do for our residents and employees through the actions outlined above. This will include a social marketing approach as part of the Year of Wellbeing and provision of mental health awareness and suicide prevention training to a range of community and public sector stakeholders. We will continue to develop the community-based offer for protecting and promoting wellbeing for Warwickshire residents.</i></p>
<p>Can you provide a brief communication plan to indicate how you will promote your commitment?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion through staff newsletters 2. Promotion through CCG and GP newsletters 3. Announcement at our annual Mental Health Partnership Conference in June 4. Communications to the Mental Health Partnership forum 5. Briefing round all elected members in Warwickshire 6. Communications with District and Borough Councillors and partners within the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership to promote and encourage sign-up.
<p>Please provide a confirmation from the CEO or Board of your organisation <i>(include name and date)</i></p>	<p>Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board</p>
<p>Name of the signatory from your organisation.</p>	<p>County Councillor Margaret Bell, Mental Health Champion for Warwickshire County Council and County Councillor for Hartshill, Mancetter, Ridge Lane, Ansley Common, Ansley Village & Old Arley</p>