

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Public Health
PART II

1. MENTAL HEALTH PREVENTION CONCORDAT

- 1.1. On 16 September 2019 the Executive Member for Public Health gave approval to become a signatory to Public Health England's Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health.
- 1.2. The Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health is an initiative lead by Public Health England (PHE) to provide a focus for organisations to collectively develop prevention focused action to improve wellbeing and prevent mental ill health.
- 1.3. Hampshire County Council is currently developing an action plan which describes actions the Council plans to take to prevent mental ill health and promote wellbeing. This plan will form part of the application process to Public Health England (PHE) who will verify the Councils commitment and pledge to the Prevention Concordat. It is intended to submit the Councils plans to PHE in September 2019. In the meantime, the Council will continue to work with other organisations to encourage a county wide commitment to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental health.
- 1.4. There is no cost attached to signing up to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health. However, there is an expectation that an application and action plan be developed which will be co-ordinated by Hampshire County Council's Public Health Team. Any activities identified within the action plan will be delivered within existing work programmes and aligned to Hampshire's Public Health Strategy. There are no plans to commit any additional financial resources to this area of work.
- 1.5. Mental health is everybody's business and a wide range of organisations have a role in contributing towards this. By signing the Prevention Concordat, Hampshire County Council will pledge to developing a prevention-focused mental health plan for Hampshire which will reduce health inequalities and improve population wellbeing. This will have a positive effect on the residents of Hampshire, including all those with protected characteristics.

Further details can be found at the link below:

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