

**Briefing Paper to the Health and Social Well-Being Overview Wards: All
and Scrutiny Committee**

14 March 2025

Mental Health Task and Finish Planning**Briefing Paper of the of Corporate Director for Legal Services**1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

To support a discussion about addressing the referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to establish a Mental Health Task and Finish Panel.

2. Background

At the Full Council meeting of 21 November 2024 a motion was agreed to establish a Task and Finish to consider effective ways of improving mental health in Hull

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee agreed to refer decisions around the establishment of a Task and Finish to the Health and Social Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Commission. It was agreed that the Commission would receive the planned update on Mental Health delivery from the Humber Teaching Foundation Trust that was due to be delivered to the Commission's February meeting. The HTFT is the body that delivers mental health services in the City.

The H&SWB OSC received the mental health update on its February agenda, and now that the Commission is fully informed the Assistant Director of Public Health is attending the March meeting to explore with members the potential focus of a Task and Finish and what could be achieved.

3. Issues for Consideration

At the Full Council meeting of 21 November 2024 a motion was agreed to establish a Task and Finish:

Council resolves to establish a Task and Finish Group to establish effective ways of improving mental health in Hull and to develop a detailed plan of action to be implemented as soon as the requisite funding is made available. (Full Motion at Appendix A).

The request was referred to and considered at the OSMC meeting of 24 January 2025, where it was agreed that consideration of the request for a Task and Finish would be referred to the Health and Social Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Commission, as mental health and mental health services fell within that Commission's remit. As external mental health teams under the Humber Teaching Foundation Trust were due to deliver an item on their services to the Commission's February meeting it was agreed that it would be timely to consider the Task and Finish request and the best way to progress it once members of the H&SWB OSC had fully considered work already being delivered in the City. (Humber Teaching Foundation Trust mental health services update at Appendix B).

At the February 2025 H&SWB OSC the Commission agreed that the Task and Finish referral would be reconsidered at the March 2025 meeting following full consideration of the detail included in the external mental health services briefing. The Assistant Director of Public Health was to be invited to attend the March meeting to guide the members on the potential strategic focus of a Task and Finish and what could be achieved.

This briefing is to support the Commission's discussion with the Assistant Director.

4. Next steps

That discussion take place with the Assistant Director to identify strategic issues that members wish to be addressed and consider her advice on the best way to proceed.

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Officer Interests: None

Background Documents: -