



Mental Health Implementation Framework:

Public health responsibilities

High-level changes: public health

Giving mental health 'parity of esteem' with physical health within the health and care system.

- local planning and priority setting reflects this;
- Work and services of CCGs, HWB Board, NHSCB and PHE reflects this;

Supporting service commissioning and scrutiny to ensure:

- Users and carers are involved in commissioning and delivery.
- Services improve equality and tackle inequality
- More people have access to evidence-based treatments
- Services work together around people's needs and aspirations

Including mental health in the public health system

- PHOF mental health indicators
- Delivery of local mental health plan
- Universal mental health and wellbeing services
- Engagement of all organisations

Tackling smoking, obesity and co-morbidity for people with mental health problems

- Mental health services address physical health
- Physical health services, initiatives and campaigns target people with mental health problems
- Mental health is mainstreamed into core public health priorities

Ensuring people with mental health problems have a better experience of employment

- mentally healthy workplaces
- employment support

Tackling stigma and discrimination

- front-line training
- campaigning and media engagement

Role of local Public Health

The framework identifies specifically that “Commissioners and providers of public health services” should:

- **Develop a clear plan for public mental health**
- **Champion ‘mental health for all’ – articulate the case**
- **Support positive parenting**
- **Commission or provide training to the wider workforce**
- **Ensure health improvement includes needs of people with mental health problems**
- **Strengthen mental health services and access**
- **Set ambitious expectations and monitor outcomes**

As Public Health professionals will also be working across the local authority, in Clinical Commissioning Boards and to the Health & Wellbeing Board other responsibilities in the framework include:

1. Support to CCGs to:
 - a. Produce the mental health section of the JSNA
 - b. Develop appropriate CQUIN measures for mental health and wellbeing
 - c. Appraise evidence-based practice and NICE guidance
 - d. Consider the mental health needs of the whole population e.g. marginalised groups, transitions between child and adult
 - e. Consider and commission mental health promotion and mental illness prevention and early intervention
 - f. Support the commissioning of services that are influenced by users and carers, based on humanity, dignity, respect, recovery and choice.
 - g. Support innovative models to improve the mental health of people with physical conditions.
2. Support the local authority to:
 - a. assess how its strategies, commissioning decisions and directly provided services support and improve mental health and wellbeing
 - b. support whole school approaches
3. Support the Health and Wellbeing board to:
 - c. produce a robust JSNA with appropriate weighting to mental health, in comparison to physical health
 - d. consider how to give mental health equal weighting to physical health
 - e. bring together local partnerships to improve mental health
 - f. consider the mental health impact of wider services/ initiatives
4. Support providers (health, social care, community, education, employment, criminal justice, housing) to:
 - a. improve the physical health of people with mental health problems.

- b. Prevent suicide and manage self-harm
- c. Improve the mental wellbeing of their clients/ staff/ pupils
- d. Have clear pathways to appropriate support and good partnerships
- e. Contribute to the JSNA process
- f. Train their workforce

Role of Public Health England

PHE will integrate mental health and wellbeing throughout all of its key functions and approaches. It will provide clear national leadership, and help grow and build improved awareness, understanding and capacity in mental health and wellbeing across the life course. It will also show how this will support improved overall outcomes for public health:

- a. Contribute to meet the mental health and wellbeing requirements of the PHOF
- b. Improve the collection and integration of data on wellbeing, mental health, mental illness, suicide and self-harm
- c. Support local work to assess mental health and wellbeing needs inc. MWIA and community asset mapping
- d. Collect and disseminate evidence of what works in PMH and addressing health inequalities
- e. Help build capacity and capability across the wider and specialist ph workforce in understanding and integrating mental health and wellbeing into public health
- f. Deliver health protection that takes account of the mh and psychological effects of events
- g. Support work on suicide prevention
- h. Integrate mental health and wellbeing into campaigns and communications

PH Continuing Professional Development

The RSPH will develop a range of accessible, short training programmes and a linked accreditation qualification to support implementation of the framework.

The FPH is developing resources and training to update members and increase their skill base in the area of public mental health, enhancing capacity to promote mental wellbeing and prevent mental illness at local level

The FPH and RCPsych are working together to explore co-ordinated and consistent professional leadership and development across the full spectrum of mental health and wellbeing promotion, and the prevention and treatment of mental illness.