

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Motion 2 in the name of Councillor Slater to be seconded by Councillor Dromey	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: June 24 2015

“This council notes:

- 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.
- Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone.
- People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK
- There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.

This council believes:

- As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.
- Despite continuing high levels of budget cuts imposed by central government, mental health should be a priority across all the local authority’s areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.
- All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.

This council resolves:

1. Build on existing good practice between the Council and Voluntary Community Services in supporting mental health.
2. Identify a ‘lead officer’ for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council and other health services, working closely with the Lewisham’s mental health champion, who is appointed by the Mayor.
3. Follow the implementation framework <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-framework-to-improve-mental-health-and-wellbeing> for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council’s work and local needs.

4. Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.
5. Work with local partners, including the health services and housing associations, to integrate support for people with mental health needs.
6. Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action to promote good mental health.
7. Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.
8. To continue to work in close partnership with the Local Metropolitan Police when people Mental Health issues come to their attention and that they are appropriately taken to a place of safety rather than a police cell.
9. Recognise the difficulties faced by carers, and in particular young carers, of those facing mental health issues, and continue to ensure we further the work of community organisations and the Council in meeting their needs.
10. Encourage positive mental health in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.
11. Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.
12. In the spirit of the Time to Change pledge, Lewisham Council in partnership with key service deliverers, produce an action plan on how we can provide mental health support in the borough.”