

Record of Officer Decision

Mental Health Peer Support

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Adult and Community Services on 02 February 2024, following consultation with Group Leaders on 22 January 2024.

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

During 2023 work was undertaken to co-design a service with people who have lived experience of mental health challenges. Several face-to-face forums took place at which views were captured about practical interventions that would support people to stay well in the community. A detailed report of the fieldwork, findings, and recommendations was made available in 2023. The recommendations were, fundamentally, to increase the provision of Peer Support available to people with mental health issues.

The findings and recommendations of the report were fully considered by a mental health working group chaired by Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, this group included people with lived experience, and representatives from the Community and Voluntary Sector, Devon Partnership NHS Trust and Torbay Council Public Health and Adult Social Care Commissioning colleagues.

The proposals sought to procure a peer support service in locations across the three towns in Torbay. Non-recurrent funds of £300,000 were committed from the 23/4 Adult Social Care precept to cover this. During the lifetime of the funded services, providers were expected to undertake a sustainability plan – involving seeking match funding from sources external to the Council.

Decision Taken:

That £300,000 non-recurring funds from the 2023/24 Adult Social Care precept be used to procure Mental Health Peer Support.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To implement the recommendations of the co-design work undertaken with people who have lived experience of mental health challenges.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

These proposals are a result of co-production with people with lived experience, all alternatives were considered as part of the development.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

This decision will be implemented immediately.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____5 February 2024 _____
Director of Adults and Community Services