

AWP Mental Health Redesign

A Voluntary Sector Perspective

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Key themes

- Capacity of Voluntary Sector as key partners in the provision of effective mental health services
- AWP as both a commissioned provider *and* a purchaser of services
- Building stronger collaborative links between AWP and Voluntary Sector organisations

A vibrant and active sector –a few local examples

Primary Care Mental Health Services (IAPT)	Second Step & AWP – North Somerset Turning Point - Bristol
Crisis House for women	Missing Link
Homeless Primary Mental Health	Second Step& St. Mungos– the Wellbeing Service
Advocacy and Training	MIND
Individualised Day Services	Rethink
Employment	Mental Health Matters
Supported Housing, Residential Rehabilitation and Community Services	Wide range of providers both large and small including vol. sector; private; NHS and local councils

Many additional voluntary and community sector providers delivering vital services

Key advantages for Voluntary Providers

- Varied mix of funding streams (Health, Social Care, Housing, Employment)
- Flexibility to work across boundaries
- Able to innovate and act quickly to fill service gaps
- Responsive – close to service users and carers
- User led – we often are service users
- Uniquely placed to support “hard to reach” service users and communities
- Volunteer Involvement
- More affordable to purchasers

AWP as a Commissioned Service

- **Under considerable pressure to find savings**
- **Commissioners have a duty to purchase services that are:**
 - the highest quality
 - at the optimum scale
 - for the lowest possible cost

Remember the Voluntary Sector!

AWP as a purchaser

- **Investment in local “ground level” services**
 - **Can help prevent admissions to statutory services**
 - **Supports Recovery and Social Inclusion**
- **Foundation Trust status requires evidence of partnership working with a focus on what each party does best**

Mutual Reliance and Shared Values

Case for Collaboration - AWP & Voluntary Sector

- **Easy Access Point**
- **Preparing for GP commissioning; care clusters; care packages**
- **Driving forward Recovery Agenda**
- **Adding Value – Reducing costs through better partnership working**