



West Yorkshire - Finding Independence
Delivering Fulfilling Lives:
Supporting People with Multiple Needs Programme

WY-FI Policy Update December 2016

This bi-monthly update keeps you up to date with key policy developments, news and publications related to people with multiple needs.

In this edition, you will find:

- **Policy announcements and news**, including the Supported Housing consultation and the Work, Health and Disability green paper.
- **Key publications**, including the new NICE guidance on dual diagnosis and the final report of the Dame Carol Black Independent Review into the Impact on Employment Outcomes of Drug and Alcohol Addiction.
- **Resources**, such as the Housing First principles and the Migrant Destitution toolkit.

POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

- **Green paper on Work, Health and Disability – closes on 17th February 2017**

The Department for Work and Pensions and the Department of Health have published a '[Work, Health and Disability: Improving Lives](#)' green paper. It seeks views on what it will take to transform employment prospects for disabled people and people with long-term health conditions.

- **Prison Reform white paper**

The Ministry of Justice has published a [white paper](#) on Prison Safety and Reform. The paper includes a summary of proposals setting out what it is doing to make prisons places of safety and reform. Clinks will work with our members to form a view on the proposed reforms, making use of the experience and expertise of voluntary organisations. Nathan Dick, Head of Policy and Communications has written a blog summarising the paper's headlines.

To read the response of CLINKS to the white paper click [here](#)

- **The new West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2016 – 2121 launched**

[The Police and Crime Plan](#) sets the outcomes, and priorities that will drive the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner, West Yorkshire Police and their partnership working over the next 5 years. The outcomes are, tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, safeguard vulnerable people, make sure criminal justice works for communities and support victims and witnesses.

- **Dame Carol Black publishes review on links between work and addiction**

The [report](#) from the Independent Review into the Impact on Employment Outcomes of Drug and Alcohol Addiction and Obesity recommends further exploration into ways people addicted to drugs and alcohol can be helped to find work, and improved joined-up working between work and health services. Further recommendations in the review include improving welfare and health services, building new evidence, and focusing on the role of employers. It acknowledges that work needs to be a more integral part of the treatment journey and recommends that the responsibility is shared between Jobcentre Plus and the treatment system. The report recommends having in-work, expert support and a small discretionary fund for smaller employers to cover training costs which would help open opportunities. It also recognises the barriers and stigma to job opportunities for people who are in recovery.

To read the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) response to the report, click [here](#)

- **West Yorkshire and Harrogate (draft) Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) is published**

Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) are seen as the key mechanism for implementing the NHS Five Year Forward View (FYFV) and its vision of better health and wellbeing, improved quality of care, and a sustainable and efficient NHS. The introduction of the STP process is an ambitious attempt to impose financial discipline and at the same time drive innovation and transformation across the NHS in England. The intention is that the plans produced by the 44 STP footprint areas across England will be the driving force for local health planning and delivery, at least for the next two years. To read the WY-FI briefing on STPs [click here](#)

To read the draft West Yorkshire and Harrogate STP: [Click here](#)

- **Supported Housing consultation published- closes 13th February 2017**

This [consultation](#) explores some of the key issues and principles underpinning the proposed new system. This will help inform a more detailed funding model, which the Government has indicated will be published as a Green Paper in Spring 2017. This first stage of consultation is therefore a great opportunity for the sector to shape these early proposals to make sure that the more detailed model is fit for purpose.

- Jobseekers who are homeless or suffering from a mental health condition can access hardship payments immediately after a benefit sanction.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/homelessness-and-mental-health-conditions-to-be-supported-by-hardship-fund>

- The Work and Pensions Committee says it has grave concerns over both the challenges faced by Work Coaches in Jobcentre Plus (JCP), and the flagship Work and Health Programme.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/work-and-pensions-committee/news-parliament-2015/future-of-jobcentre-plus-report-published-16-17/>

KEY PUBLICATIONS

- **New NICE guidance for the management of coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse.**

This [guideline](#) covers how to improve services for people aged 14 and above who have been diagnosed as having coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse. The aim is to provide a range of coordinated services that address people's wider health and social care needs, as well as other issues such as employment and housing. The guidance says that rather than creating specialist 'dual diagnosis' services, health and social care (including substance misuse) services should adapt to this caseload, and their care should be led by the mental health service. The recommendations are for both commissioners and providers of services which may be the first point of contact for these patients, including primary care, and for the mental health services to which the patients may be referred.

- **Public Health England [Health and Justice Annual Review](#)**

This report provides details of key changes in the health and justice system and discusses the public health needs of people in prisons and other prescribed places of detention (PPDs). Highlighted are demographic shifts in this population and some of the key public health initiatives developed in partnership with NHS England, the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), the Home Office and the Youth Justice Board in the 2015/16 financial year.

- **Improving the physical health of adults with severe mental illness: essential actions**

[This report](#), written in partnership with various royal medical colleges and Public Health England, sets out the essential actions to improve the physical health of adults with severe mental illness (SMI) across the NHS. The report makes practical recommendations for changes that will help adults with SMI to receive the same standards of physical healthcare as the general population and reduce the risk of premature death.

- **Rehabilitative prisons report**

RSA and Transition Spaces have published '[A matter of conviction](#)', the final report of their Future Prison project, which set out to explore how prisons in England and Wales could better support rehabilitation. The report sets out a blueprint for a community-based rehabilitative prison and a policy framework to support such models. It finds that safety and staff numbers are critical to changing the purpose of prisons to one that is truly rehabilitative, but this needs to form the foundation of wider and deeper system change.

- **New report links mental illness recovery to deprivation**

Official statistics show a strong link between deprivation and the likelihood of recovering from anxiety and depression. The report, [Psychological Therapies: Annual Report on the use of IAPT services, 2015-16](#), published by NHS Digital, examines activity, waiting times and outcomes for the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme run by the NHS in England. It found a strong relationship between deprivation levels and whether patients recover from mental illness after "talking" therapies such as counselling, CBT and peer support.

- **Stop the scandal: the case for action on mental health and rough sleeping**

Looking at evidence from people with a history of rough sleeping and from services and commissioners across England, this [report](#) investigates how national and local governments and the NHS can build effective services to improve access to mental health services.

- **Moving from the margins: The challenges of building integrated local services**

[This paper](#) is based on a roundtable discussion and consideration of three integrated service models: Connected Care, The MEAM approach and West London Zone. The aim of the exercise was to explore the question "why, despite the relative maturity of multiple models and evidence of their effectiveness, do integrated systems remain at the fringes of local public services?"

- **The Frontline Battle**

The Frontline Battle is an inquiry by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Alcohol Harm into the impact of alcohol on Emergency Services. [The report](#) reveals the full extent of the pressures and dangers of alcohol related problems placed on our Emergency Services discussing the impact on staff, the impact on service provisions and the effect on time and resources.

RESOURCES

- **Tackling Street Drinking PCC guidance: what's new?**

[New guidance](#) has been released by a consortium of Police Crime Commissioners (PCCs), which aims to 'reduce the incidents of, and burden from, street drinking and to improve the interventions provided to street drinkers themselves.

- **NICE guidance on physical health of people in prison**

[This guideline](#) covers assessing, diagnosing and managing physical health problems of people in prison. It aims to improve health and wellbeing in the prison population

by promoting more coordinated care and more effective approaches to prescribing, dispensing and supervising medicines.

- **Migrant Destitution toolkit**

The Strategic Alliance on Migrant Destitution, hosted by Homeless Link, have launched a new resource: "[Migrant Destitution Toolkit - How to facilitate local partnership working and develop pathways out of destitution](#)", which is aimed at frontline homelessness support services. It includes guidance and resources, good practice examples of a range of effective, collaborative work between the homelessness and migrant sectors, and practical guidance on what frontline homelessness service can do to develop a more holistic working approach to providing support to destitute migrants that may access their service.

- **Housing First principles**

Homeless Link launches the [key principles](#) for providing Housing First services in England and explains the importance of adhering to them to ensure success.

- **Improving health and care services through co-production**

A recently published [co-production model](#) has been developed by patient leaders and is supported by the Coalition for Collaborative Care. The model is designed to ensure that the voices of people with lived experience of a particular condition are involved in the development of services that will make a positive difference to their lives.