

Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health Project

Background

The Public Health England (PHE) Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health aims to facilitate local and national action around preventing mental health problems and promoting good mental health.¹ It provides a focus for cross-sector action to deliver a tangible increase in the adoption of public mental health approaches.

The Health and Wellbeing Board, Oxfordshire Mental Health Partnership and Active Oxfordshire signed the Prevention Concordat on 21st January 2019; the Concordat was publicly announced on 28th March 2019.

Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board, includes:

- Oxfordshire County Council
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Healthwatch Oxfordshire
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Oxford City Council
- Cherwell District Council
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- West Oxfordshire District Council
- Vale of the White Horse District Council

Oxfordshire Mental Health Partnership includes:

- Connection Floating Support
- Elmore Community Services
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Oxfordshire Mind
- Response
- Restore

Project Scope

Public Health will coordinate the production of an Oxfordshire Mental Wellbeing Framework in 2019, which will inform the work of the partner organisations and other stakeholders from 2020 onwards.

The Framework will involve representatives from each partner organisation which will further develop the shared vision for the prevention and promotion of mental wellbeing that all partners have signed up to.

¹ Prevention concordat for better mental health -link to [gov.uk publications](https://www.gov.uk/publications)

Project Milestones

This project will achieve change through delivery of the following key milestones:

- A task and finish group involving all the key partner organisations, to produce a signed off Mental Wellbeing Framework for Oxfordshire
- Additional partners signing up to the Framework
- At least one progress report on the delivery of the framework
- Achieving the agreed year 1 outputs and outcomes defined in the Framework across all partners (Action Plan 2020/21)
- Joint Comms Delivery

The project will demonstrate what difference the Framework has made over a 1- and 2-year period.

Project Deliverables

This project will achieve change through delivery of the following key deliverables:

- Local statistics related to mental wellbeing will be reported to the Health Improvement Board (HIB)
- Existing local data will be collected and reviewed along with additional data from communities which will give insight into their needs and assets
- The existing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) chapter with a mental wellbeing focus will be refreshed
- The Framework project group will also consider including the following:
 - Mental Health Equity Audits across the partnership
 - Collaborative analysis of local information and intelligence sharing
 - Shared prioritisation and resources
 - Mental Health Impact Assessments to integrate wellbeing into partnership plans and strategies

Benefits for Oxfordshire Residents

The concordat is underpinned by an understanding that taking a prevention focused approach to improving the public's mental health is shown to make a valuable contribution to achieving a fairer and more equitable society. The concordat promotes evidence-based planning and commissioning to increase the impact on reducing health inequalities.

Quality, Governance and Controls

Successful delivery of this project will involve the engagement of key stakeholders and project level governance controls. The Framework will be signed off by the HIB, who will then provide oversight on progress against the Framework, and delivery of relevant partnership plans and strategies.