

Report on the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health to the May 2020 Health Improvement Board

Background

The recommendation for Oxfordshire to sign up to the Public Health England (PHE) Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health was made to and agreed by the Health Improvement Board (HIB) in May 2018. The HWB approved the sign-up to the Concordat as a Board in November 2018. Public health led the process and developed a draft framework for action and submitted an application. The application was accepted and awarded by PHE in May 2019 with the publication of Oxfordshire's commitment to the Prevention Concordat.

The November 2019 report to the Health Improvement Board on the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health includes the detail on the background of this work, the policy context and the prevalence of mental health and wellbeing in Oxfordshire. (see *document 10.2 in this agenda pack*)

Progress update

Representatives from the Concordat partners worked together from September 2019 to March 2020 to agree a vision and approach and develop the Oxfordshire Mental Health Prevention Framework. Additional partners were engaged to ensure the framework fully represented Oxfordshire residents. The current provision for mental wellbeing was mapped to build on existing work and identify any gaps and opportunities for collaboration and innovation.

The Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Strategy was developed alongside the Oxfordshire Mental Health Prevention Framework, which ensured a joined-up approach was taken. The community engagement conducted for the Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Strategy was also used to inform the development of the Mental Health Prevention Framework.

The Oxfordshire Mental Health Prevention Framework was published in April 2020 along with the Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Strategy. Both documents can be found [here](#). (also as *documents 10.3 and 10.4 in this agenda pack*)

The Concordat partnership group

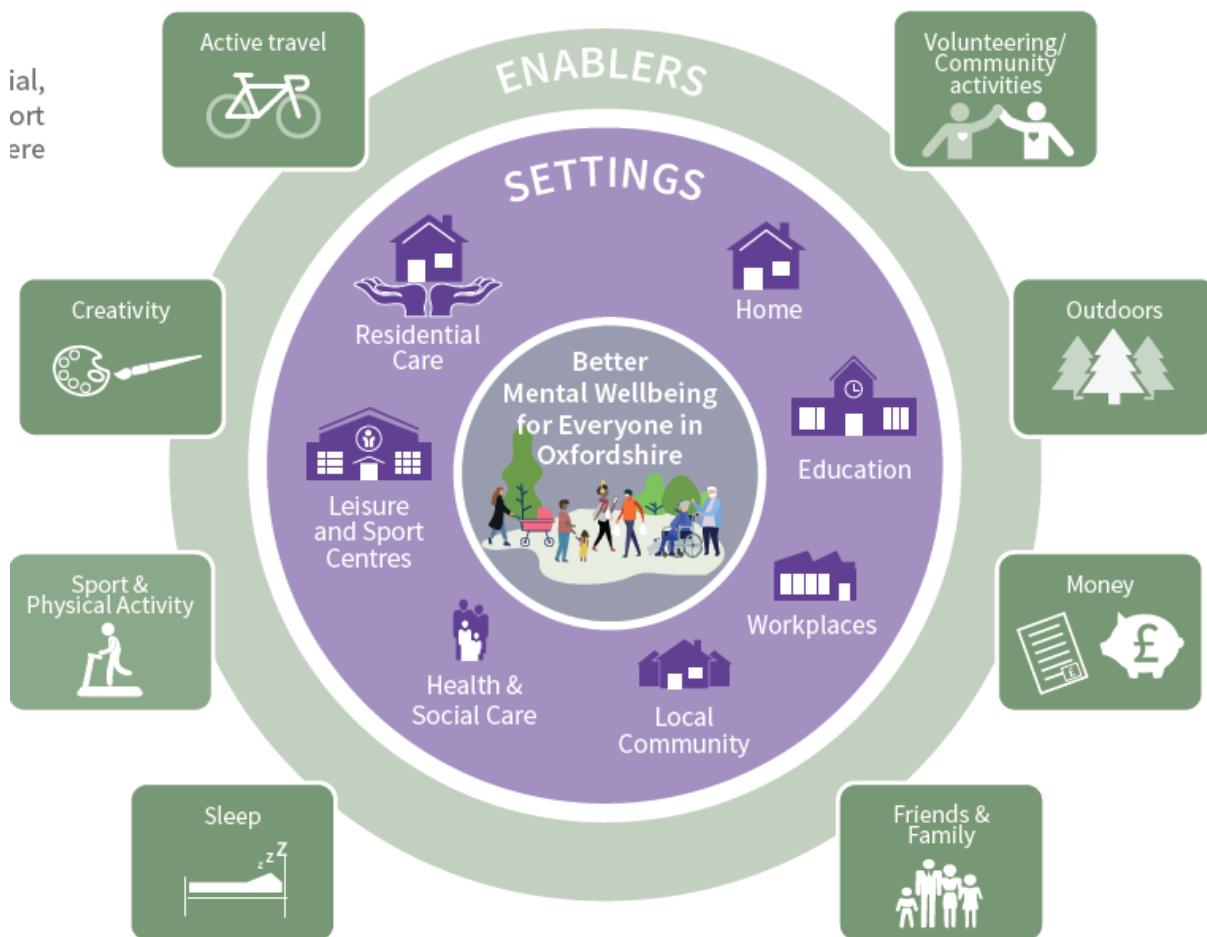


The partnership group committed to:

- **build on existing action** and identify opportunities for collaboration and innovation
- **work collaboratively** to maximise impact at an individual, community and place based level
- **recognise** that people don't have the same opportunities to be as healthy as others and address the wider social determinants
- **tailor our approach** through a strong evidence base, prioritising the key life stages

Our approach

The group will work with settings where we are born, grow, live, work and age. The enablers are environmental, physical and economic factors that support good mental health.



The framework

The framework is shown on the following page. Actions are divided into 4 focus areas, each with a key aim and a set of actions that will evolve over time.

Next steps

We are working with academic partners to develop a logic model and an evaluation framework to measure how working as a partnership contributes to better mental health initiatives in Oxfordshire. We are also a pilot site to test the Public Health England Draft Evaluation Toolkit for Mental Health.

We now need to review our actions and priorities in response to COVID-19 to support the recovery phase for mental health in Oxfordshire. We will further develop the detailed action plan with priorities for year 1 and assign responsibilities and outcome measures.

Oxfordshire Mental Health Prevention framework

