

### **Pre-Submitted Questions**

How can we make sure that we have a more ethnically diverse suite of professionals and therapists in Sussex?

What steps will be taken to make sure people do not fall between gap in eligibility criteria of mental health services? (Needs too high for primary, not high enough for secondary services)

How do the ambitions that are being set 2021/22 feeding into the longer-term plan for Mental Health services locally?

How will the strategy build on the work that is already taking place in the VCSE and how will organisations be able to influence delivery and funding streams going forward?

Are we employing more Psychologists as we had an 18-month waiting least, before the epidemic and so this could be longer now?

In our view at SHS mental health plays a huge part in the homeless and rough sleeper world, a very high number suffer from mental health, the route to support is difficult and slow, we see a revolving door situation where MHU return the services users back to the same hostels that caused much of the problem, a few weeks later they are back in same situation with Mental Health, this often sadly only ends with suicide, this is proven in the numbers rising in deaths in accommodation. What in this new plan is there to help prevent this, and what engagement with frontline charities like SHS is offered.  
Thank You.

What financial allocation will be made to improve the provision of mental health services in the community?