

# *Supporting recovery through education and employment*



**ISLE OF WIGHT EIP**

# *Island challenges*



- The population on the island is approximately 141,889
  - No IPS service provision
  - Current case load at EIP of 76 service users
    - 33% of these are unemployed
- Of those unemployed, 46% engage with our Working towards wellbeing service

# *Historical ways of working*



- Involvement “as and when needed”
- Sharing and including at times of risk
- Not fostering supportive networks between service user and employers/educators
- Lack of information sharing for joint support purposes

# *Changes in recent years*



- Pre-emptive approach  
(supporting early on)
- Inclusive and personalised  
(Individual plans including the educator/employer)
- Flexible and more supportive  
(Supporting individuals to achieve the goals they want)

# *Current ways of working*



- HTP info days and regular information sharing for individuals
- IW College/6<sup>th</sup> form meetings and support in crisis plans
- Flexible meetings with educators and telephone liaising as often as needed
- Working towards wellbeing drop in every month to support employment and voluntary placements

# *Working towards wellbeing (OSEL)*



- Employment advisors work within the Community Mental Health Teams
  - Supporting individuals return to work, retain current employment, find new employment, volunteering opportunities or undertake training/education.
- Our employment advisor is Whitney, who comes in once a month to meet new individuals who would like her support.
- Following the initial session, they meet regularly to work towards identified goals

# *Case study- Robbie*



- Home support networks are not available as family is not involved
- Early and intense joint working from CCO and 6<sup>th</sup> form lead
- Difference between keeping Robbie in education and him dropping out
- Potentially kept Robbie out of hospital and further services
- Supported his mental health challenges and encouraged continued engagement in education

# *Case study- Jonah*



- Engagement with employment advisor
- Started voluntary placement with local hospice using his own computing skills as spreadsheet coordinator
  - Provided a structure and a daily purpose
- Stabilized sleep pattern and increased overall wellbeing
- Increase family contact as they live near the placement

# Benefits of joint working



- Support for both service users, employers/ educators and EIP team.
  - Keeping on top of risk management
- Identifies areas of need and potential changes to how we work
  - Additional confidence for all involved



Thank you for your time,  
any questions?