

Newcastle Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Partnership

Notes of meeting on 3 August 2007

Present

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| Dr David Ward | Consultant Psychiatrist Newcastle, CAMHS and Early Intervention in Psychosis Service |
| Jan Cole | Senior Manager, Newcastle CAMHS |
| Andy Roberts | CAMHS Social Care Co-ordinator, Newcastle City Council |
| Gill Shapero | Clinical Nurse Lead Children & Families, Newcastle Primary Care Trust |
| Aileen Fitzgerald | Commissioner for Children & Families Health Services, NHS North of Tyne |
| Jacqui Sirs | Assistant Director Children's Services, Barnardo's |

Part 1: Business Meeting

1. Apologies

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| Linda Mason | Head of Inclusion, Education, Newcastle City Council |
| Ruth Rogan | Head of Children's Services, Newcastle City Council |
| Angela Bate | Senior Research Associate, Newcastle University |
| Ally Robson | Research Associate, Newcastle University |
| Caroline Wills | Speech & Language Therapy Manager, CTLD |
| Louise McAndrew | Personal Assistant, NHS North of Tyne |

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record with the following amendments:

Apologies were received from Gill Shapero.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Northumberland, Tyne & Wear Trust (NTW) Referral protocol

Andy Roberts reported that he had shared this with Sue Kirkley, Local Safeguarding Children Board Co-ordinator Newcastle City Council, who had suggested that it was useful to align the language and presentation with that used in the preventative strategy to ensure consistency.

3.2 Northumberland, Tyne & Wear Trust (NTW) CAMHS information leaflets

Jan Cole reported that the Local Authority Communication Department will work with NTW to ensure the presentation and language is consistent with that used across children's trust partnerships. It was noted that not all members of this partnership had seen the information leaflet.

Action: Circulate again and discuss further next month (LMc)

3.3 Orchard Mosaic Project

Aileen reported that a small number of referrals continued to be received by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and as an interim measure were supported following discussion with Mike Guy, Medical Director. It is anticipated that the PBMA analysis will help us prioritise services that require sustainable funding.

3.4 Organisational change issues

Aileen had liaised with Rebecca Eadie who had suggested that help to undertake the CTLD review would be welcome.

Action: Discuss with Sharon Hall at next 1:1 meeting (AF)

3.5 High Care Needs

The new CAMHS High Care Needs Group will hold their first meeting on 9 August 07.

4. Any other business

4.1 CAMHS in schools

Jacqui queried whether members were aware of a recent government proposal outlining funding for CAMHS in schools. At this stage it seems unclear whether this is new money or whether it is re-badging of old money. The group welcomed the fact that support for emotional and mental wellbeing issues in schools was now being recognised by the government. The group agreed to keep this matter under review.

Action: Jan to circulate the relevant speech.

4.2 Providing specialist advice to front line practitioners

Jacqui Sirs reported that the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Executive (C&YPSPE), at the meeting held in July had discussed the legal issues relating to specialist services giving advice to other practitioners. The group expressed concern that if professionals became reluctant to offer informal advice due to the risk of litigation, there is a real danger of closing down this child focused dialogue. It was noted that many professional groups had codes of conduct which they had to adhere to but other professionals had no guiding professional body. It was suggested that appropriate risk management is essential but that this could be undertaken at a very top level by following a process similar to that used in developing the information sharing protocols across the different agencies. By pitching the debate at this level this may serve to reassure frontline clinicians and practitioners although it was recognised that this process can be very bureaucratic.

Action: Take the views of this group back to the next C&YPSPE meeting (JC/AF)

4.3 Input of community paediatrician to CAMHS Partnership

David queried progress on this issue. Aileen reported that Newcastle Hospitals hoped to appoint a consultant paediatrician with particular interest in adolescent health. It is hoped that this person when appointed will provide input to this partnership. Aileen also reported that following a conversation with Danny Ruta, input from Malathi Natarjan, Locum Consultant in Public Health Newcastle Primary Care Trust, will also be available as she has particular interest in children and young people mental health issues.

Part 2: PBMA Steering Group

In Ally and Angela's absence Aileen reported that progress was being made in collating financial data and an approach had been made by Ally to Danny Ruta to secure support from his team to update the needs assessment. A meeting of the Stakeholder Group is to be held on 10 August. Local Authority, PCT and provider services mapping data will also support the analysis.

5. Date and time of next meeting

Friday 7 September 2007, 12 – 2 pm, Benton House.