

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

CAMHS Stakeholder Group

Thursday 13th December 2007
11.45 – 13.15 pm
Carlol Conference Room Civic Centre

Attendance:

Andy Roberts (Chair)	:	CAMHS Social Care, N.C.C.
Fiona Sammut-Smith	:	Education Psychologist
Kirsty Buggins	:	Streetwise
Jonathan Caswell	:	Principal Education Psychologist
Tom Adams	:	Children North East
Jamie Spence	:	Locality Manager
Alison Soulsby	:	PMHW
Nick Brereton	:	Investing in Children
Helen Chandler	:	NTW

Apologies:

Jan Cole	:	Services Manager, NTW CAMHS
Di Robertson	:	Safe Newcastle Children & Young People's Manager
Pat Thompson	:	Manager, Children with Disabilities
Clare Dover	:	Consultant Psychiatrist, Prudhoe Hospital
Jeannie Fraser	:	MESMAC North East
Lorraine Alexander	:	Headteacher North Fawdon Primary School
Steven Tait	:	Children's Services Manager NSPCC

In Attendance:

Barbara Barraclough (Minute Taker)

Apologies were received as above, and introductions were made around the table.

1. Minutes from last meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate record.

2. PBMA Update

Having agreed that the deadline for the proposals was too tight, it has now been extended to **28th January 2008**. The week following the 28th January the proposals will be checked by the Partnership. The completion date will be 18th February 2008.

Partnership will put aside a full day in order to read all the proposals before the decision date.

Nick Brereton wanted to take the proposals back to present to the young people so they could be informed of the progress. Andy suggested Nick speak to Alistair Robson and agree a date to do this. The group suggested putting together a summary document from the proposals to present to the young people, which may be of value to everyone.

3. Locality & CAMHS Partnership

Jamie Spence was invited to give an update on the developing locality arrangement and its connection with CAMHS.

Various networking events across the city focussed on the role of the emerging locality partnerships. They looked at the re-shaping of locality work, the main areas of need, improving on prevention and early intervention work and the best use of the available funding. A presentation from the events is embedded in the minutes for your information.



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The locality partnerships in January will provide a forum for dialogue around the development of integrated working and service delivery within specific areas of the city, which will include the emotional and mental health of children and young people.

4. Jeannie Fraser – MESMAC

Jeannie Fraser was unable to attend the meeting – therefore her presentation on MESMAC has been postponed. She will be invited to talk to the group in February.

5. Investing in Children

Nick Brereton and Helen Chandler gave a presentation to the group on young people's views on the mental health services.

The evidence gathered was from many different meetings and consultations. The general opinion was that young people were being asked the same questions on a regular basis but nothing ever changed. Young people needed to know about the changes that were made.

Key messages:

- The services are hard to access and there are lots of barriers.
- Fear of being labelled with mental health with long term consequences.
- System taking over once they have been accessed.
- Information is poor and there is a negative image of mental health.
- Young people need to know that there is a free confidential service and who is providing it.
- Young people felt that friends were their only source of support when they had problems to talk over.

- They needed a safe place to go to get away from stresses and somewhere adults didn't manipulate the situation.
- A need for clear information given to everyone, so nobody is singled out, i.e. information packs in school.

Nick and Helen told the group that the challenge was to make the changes that young people wanted.

Andy Roberts informed the group that a pilot scheme was being launched in February called You're Welcome which was a Department of Health initiative. Investing in Children was one of the criteria for this kite mark.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with Stakeholder and Partnership and is scheduled for Thursday 24th January 2008 at 14.30-16.00 at Benfield PCT.