

Newcastle Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Partnership

Notes of meeting on 6 July 2007

Present

Aileen Fitzgerald	Commissioner for Children & Families Health Services, NHS North of Tyne
Andy Roberts	CAMHS Social Care Co-ordinator, Newcastle Council
Caroline Wills	Speech & Language Therapy Manager, CTLD
Jan Cole	Senior Manager, Newcastle CAMHS
Louise McAndrew	Personal Assistant, NHS North of Tyne
Ally Robson	KTP Associate, Newcastle University

Part 1: Business Meeting

1. Apologies

Jill Prendergast	Head of Operations, Newcastle Primary Care Trust
Linda Mason	Head of Inclusion, Education, Newcastle City Council
Ruth Rogan	Head of Children's Services, Newcastle City Council
Dr David Ward	Consultant Psychiatrist Newcastle, CAMHS and Early Intervention in Psychosis Service
Jacqui Sirs	Assistant Director Children's Services, Barnardo's
Liz Wylie	Professional Lead, School Nursing, Newcastle Primary Care Trust
Gill Shapero	Clinical Nurse Lead Children and Families, Newcastle Primary Care Trust

2. Notes of previous meeting 13 April 2007.

Agreed as a true record.

Changes were made to show members titles and to expand abbreviations.
Andy Roberts has prepared a page on the Children's Services website
which describes the Partnership and its membership.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Tier 4 Update

Version 7 of the service specification for inpatient services is awaited. It will be circulated to members for comment when received.

3.2 Consultant Psychiatric Learning Disabilities

Claire Dover has been appointed to the above post and will start on 10 July.

3.3 CAMHS meeting notes on the website

Louise McAndrew to send the notes to Michelle McParlin at Civic Centre to put on the website.

4. Reference Group update

Further to the recent joint meeting between the Reference Group and this partnership it was noted that a further date was set for 10 August. At this meeting members will discuss the Terms of Reference for both groups, and then the Stakeholder Group will continue to meet on its own to continue working on the PBMA assessment criteria.

5. Referral Protocol

Jan informed the group that service descriptions and referral protocols had been produced. This is being continuously evaluated at Northumberland, Tyne & Wear (NTW) Clinical Governance meetings. Potentially a similar format could be used for requests for out-of-area placements.

Action: Forward comments to Jan (All)

6. NTW CAMHS Information Leaflets

Jan informed the group that the leaflets have been to a number of groups for consultation. It was noted that patient ages are mentioned in the leaflets but not in the referral criteria. It was agreed that there needs to be consistency between the documents.

Action: Bring further comments back to next meeting (All)

7. Orchard/Mosaic Project

It was reported that a letter had been received by Tony Waterston, Consultant Community Paediatrician, from Martin Eadle saying that they could no longer accept cases from Newcastle as funding from the CAMHS grant was not available this year. Aileen reported that cases had been accepted through the exceptional treatment policy route by Mike Guy, Medical Director, but suggested a cautious approach be adopted and existing services and expertise used where available. This issue is something that will be picked up in the PBMA exercise which will explore sustainable solutions for service provision. It was noted that support had been lost to the Learning Disability teams from Orchard/Mosaic and Streetwise and it was agreed that this may be a training issue for the service that will need to be picked up at a later date.

8. Organisational change issues

Commissioning

Aileen informed the group that Bill Maher, Director of Commissioning and Chief Operating Officer, is leaving the NHS North of Tyne in September.

Local Authority

There will be office moves taking place during the summer. Barbara Roberts is now in post – Aspire.

Northumberland Tyne & Wear Trust

The CTLD review is yet to start due to limitations in workforce capacity. It was suggested that the Regional CAMHS/LD Service Improvement Head may have capacity to support this work.

Action: Aileen is to email Rebecca Eadie and Rosemary Granger to check on progress regarding the CTLD Review.

9. Any other business

9.1 Social Care

- It has been agreed that Pat Thompson will become CAMHS Social Care Co-ordinator and from 1 September Andy will hand over to Pat and her workload will be reviewed after six months
- The CAMHS grant will sit with Ruth Rogan/Andy Roberts which will help to separate commissioner and provider

- Andy will continue to attend the group as Social Care Commissioner in Ruth's absence.

9.2 High Care Needs

- The High Care Needs Group met today but felt that a separate CAMHS group needed to be constituted
- There is a need to centrally collate names of lead professionals for each child who will monitor each package of care
- Clarity is required for over 16 year olds who may not be involved in education or employed.

9.3 Workshop

- There is to be a workshop on 11 September to explore pathways for Children with Complex Needs, across North of Tyne. Mike Lauerman, from CSIP will be facilitating and a letter regarding this is coming out soon
- The workshop has very wide objectives

9.4 Newcastle Health and Wellbeing Committee

- Andy reported that Tom King has been employed to look at how to reduce the stigma of mental illness and it was agreed the best way to change attitudes is to start with children
- Tom may be able to access some funds to support this work
- There are mental health first aid courses running in Australia. This has been looked into and it would cost about £2,000 to train a trainer.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Friday 3 August 2007, 12 – 2 pm, Benton House

Part 2: PBMA Steering Group

Ally and members of the group went through the criteria gathered at the joint meeting to agree the content and wording.