

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

CAMHS Stakeholder Group

Monday 18th February 2008

11:00-12:30

Room 101 Civic Centre

Attendance:

Andy Roberts (Chair)	:	CAMHS Social Care, N.C.C.
Kirsty Buggins	:	Streetwise
Di Robertson	:	Safe Newcastle Children & Young People's Manager
Jeannie Fraser	:	MESMAC North East
Alistair Robson	:	Research Associate

Apologies:

Jan Cole	:	Services Manager, NTW CAMHS
Lorraine Alexander	:	Headteacher North Fawdon Primary School
Steven Tait	:	Children's Services Manager NSPCC
Fiona Sammut-Smith	:	Education Psychologist
Jonathan Caswell	:	Principal Education Psychologist
Tom Adams	:	Children North East
Jamie Spence	:	Locality Manager
Sue Miller	:	Strategic Lead Parenting N.C.C.
Becky Dunn	:	Workforce Development Manager

In Attendance:

Barbara Barraclough (Minute Taker)

Apologies were received as above.

1. Minutes from last meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate record.

2. PBMA Update

Alistair Robson told the group that 7 proposals had been received, although only 6 were accepted as the proposal from ADHD was not supplied in the same format as the others so consequently the panel were unable to compare the information. ADHD have been asked to resubmit their proposal.

The panel that scored and ranked the proposals were:

Aileen Fitzgerald
Andy Roberts

Gill Shapero
Linda Mason
Jacqui Sirs
David Ward – sent comments but didn't score

These members read and scored the proposals and then declared their score; a discussion followed until a consensus was reached. On almost all of the criteria there was never more than 1pt difference between each member's scores. No member was present for the scoring of their own proposal. The proposals were scored using the agreed weighting to create a ranking. The Advisory Group then amended the ranking after they considered the financial information. The proposals were then ranked by the Young People's groups. Results below:

Scoring

	Rank	Advisory Group	Young People
Streetwise	1	3	4
Barnardos	2	1	5
Mosaic	3	6	= 6
Weyes	4	5	3
CAMHS Nurse	5	2	= 6
Salt	6	4	2

Some of the evidence/reasons used to amend the ranking:

- number of people using the service
- benefit to wider area of Newcastle
- similar services provided in the area
- reliance on funding from other areas
- match funding

Alistair told the group that a validation period now begins which essentially means a checking process. A summary of the proposals with explanations of scoring will be passed to members of the stakeholder group for their input along with a set of questions which the group thought relevant. All this extra information along with the ADHD proposal will be evaluated and presented to the Advisory Group.

Final decisions will be brought to the next Stakeholder Group meeting.

3. MESMAC

Jeannie Fraser was invited to give an overview of MESMAC and its connection with CAMHS.

Jeannie explained that the age range of the young people they saw at MESMAC was anywhere between 13 & 22. Although they had seen children as young as 11, it was not normal procedure to be asked to primary schools although they had spoken to teachers from primary schools in different settings.

Many of these young people presented with various mental health issues:

- ADHD
- Autism
- Drug and alcohol habits – various levels
- Self harmers
- Depression at various levels
- Food nutrition problems
- Emotionally/Physically/Sexually Abused

Many found themselves isolated and had difficulty in connecting to the correct mainstream service as there was a lack of clear support pathways.

There is an experienced youth worker at MESMAC who dealt with all these young people and tried to link them with the various services, the team as a whole worked together and shared information in order to support the young person. They do have a counselling service but this is mainly focused on adults and not specifically designed for young people.

MESMAC supplied a safe space where there were opportunities for 1:1s, but there was no CAMHS support and no easy route into adult transition.

4. Expect-Respect Leaflet

The Expect Respect leaflet was passed to the members present but due to time constraints would now be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Barbara to agenda for March.

5. Future Meetings

A list of future Partnership and Stakeholder meetings was passed out to the members present and will also be sent out with the minutes.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th March between 1:00 – 2:30 in Room 101 Civic Centre.

Action: Barbara to send out list of meeting dates with minutes.