

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

Minutes of a Joint Meeting between CAMHS Stakeholder Group and CAMHS Partnership

Thursday 24 January 2008
2.30 – 3.30 pm
At Benfield PCT in Room 3&4

Attendance:

Aileen Fitzgerald (Chair)	:	N.O.T Commissioning Manager
Andy Roberts	:	CAMHS Social Care, N.C.C.
Becky Dunn	:	Workforce Development Manager, N.C.C.
Jeannie Fraser	:	MESMAC North East
Tom Adams	:	Children North East
Aileen Gilbert	:	Assistant Director NCH
Fiona Sammut-Smith	:	Education Psychologist
Lorraine Alexander	:	Headteacher, North Fawdon Primary School
Jan Cole	:	Service Manager, NTW CAMHS
David Ward	:	Newcastle CAMHS & Early Intervention in Psychosis
Gill Shapero	:	Clinical Nurse Lead Children and Families

Apologies:

Caroline Wills	:	Speech & Language Therapy Manager
Steven Tait	:	Children's Services Manager, NSPCC
Kirsty Buggins	:	Streetwise
Jonathan Caswell	:	Principal Education Psychologist

In Attendance:

Barbara Barraclough (Minute Taker)

1. Apologies & Introductions

Apologies were given as above and introductions were made around the table.

2. Tier 4 Update

The work around reconfiguring the Tier 4 services is still in the consultation phase, there are some issues in relation to the local services and their support for the tier 4 on the Prudhoe site.

From a trust prospective David Ward wanted to discuss how tier 3 will be enhanced in order to undertake this extra work including in patients, out patients and other components that paediatric tier 4 have provided.

It was stated that the revised model was a complicated process and all services would need to work together in order to overcome any difficulties and the CAMHS Stakeholder/Partnership played an important role in that process. Aileen told the group that she had a meeting arranged with Sharon Hall, a Regional Advisor, to discuss the outline of the model and would bring back to the group for further discussion.

A question arose around vulnerable groups (YOT and asylum seekers in particular were mentioned) and how their needs would be met. Aileen told the group that it was necessary to look at the whole system prospective and leave no gaps. The process would be ongoing and would hopefully continue to enhance as it went ahead.

In the case of asylum seekers, Andy said there was already an impact on children's services and with no additional resources it may be necessary to look at other authorities for support.

3. PBMA

By Monday 28th January all PBMA bids should have been received, Tuesday the partnership will read/score and Friday 1st February the partnership will score the results against the set criteria. This is an open and transparent process and decisions/outcomes will be passed back to all groups involved for discussion.

Jeannie Fraser wanted to know where the young people fitted into this process, Andy explained that they had already been involved, by helping set the criteria and Alistair Robson, Research Associate, would take the decisions back to this group and get their responses.

All the proposals would be useful (even if not taken up immediately) and would be kept, as they may be helpful in the future.

Timescales for feedback is not yet known but the results and how they were arrived at will be discussed at a future CAMHS Stakeholder/Partnership meeting; this could prove to be very information as the process will most likely be ongoing and constantly evolving.

4. Budget Reduction

Andy informed the group that children in Newcastle have moved up the country's deprivation index from 20th to 37th and this appears to be good news, however it also means that because grants are determined by using this figure Newcastle have had an £89k reduction in their annual grant. Instead of £630,000 they will now receive £541,000 this year. This has been contested but Andy didn't feel that this would be improved upon; however he thought it was important to make a challenge.

The drop in grant will have a significant impact on the outcomes of services and it was important for CAMHS, which is a priority area, to find funding from elsewhere.

Tom Adams asked about the pathfinder being developed for Wellbeing in Schools as he was aware other local authorities had achieved a successful bid. Aileen Fitzgerald explained that the timescales for the bid had been

unrealistic but informed the group that meeting deadlines and putting a bid together would be easier in the future if the documentation/paperwork was already done beforehand.

Andy informed the group that the CAMHS grant had moved into the area based grant but it had been made clear to the wider council that this was CAMHS money.

The local authority has to save £13m from their budgets and the directorates are taking severe cuts, Catherine Fitt has made a strong case for children's services.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 You're Welcome Booklet

Andy explained that You're Welcome was a quality assurance model, which measures accessibility, response times and service quality. The model will be completed by February and there will be a major launch in April. It will help inform commissioning decisions.

The booklet is available on the internet using the link below:

http://www.bspar.org.uk/downloads/other/youre_welcome_stds.pdf

There are a few hard copies available from Barbara Barraclough, please ring 2(11)6452 if you require one.

5.2 Right Time – Right Place

Andy told the group about a NSF Development Conference for CAMHS which he attended on 23 January. The event was funded by the Care Services Improvement Partnership and the workshop was around exploring early intervention and preventative work.

The booklet Right Time Right Place which accompanies the workshop is available on the CSIP website or click on link below:

<http://www.cypf.csip.org.uk/silo/files/right-time-right-place.pdf>

6. Next Meeting

The next joint meeting will be held in May, date to be confirmed.

The next CAMHS Stakeholder meeting will be on Monday 18th February 2008 at 11:00 -12:30 in Room 101 at the Civic Centre.

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