

Newcastle CAMHS Partnership

Notes of meeting on Friday 6th February 2009

Present

Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of Commissioning Children and Families
Andy Roberts	Local Authority Be Healthy Lead
Dr David Ward	Consultant Psychiatrist Newcastle, CAMHS and Early Intervention in Psychosis Service
Jan Brown	Senior Manager, Newcastle CAMHS
Linda Mason	Local Authority Childrens Services Agency

1. Apologies for absence

Susan Nelson	Newcastle upon Tyne NHS Foundation Trust
Jacqui Sirs	Assistant Director Children's Services, Barnardo's
Caroline Wills	NTW trust

2. Notes from previous meeting

These were agreed as a true record

3. Matters arising not on the agenda

There were no matters arising

4. Targeted Mental Health and Schools

Following the successful bid for national funds Andy reported that he and Mick Dunn were now project executives. The timescales were tight and the project plan needed to be with the centre by 20th February.

The project manager will be appointed from 1st April. As an interim some CAMHS workers and an educational psychologist will offer this support. A project initiation document (PID) is required. A number of options exist for appointing a project manager. The post could be advertised, put out to tender or advertised as a secondment opportunity from across the whole Children's Trust. It was agreed that the secondment opportunity would provide a more timely outcome.

It was queried whether the emerging ADHD role could be combined with this post as both will need to engage health professionals and schools. Andy reported that he had met with parents from the ADHD Group who were currently outlining the requirements for this post. It was agreed that

once both job specifications had been prepared the partnership will look at the potential for combining these roles as this would provide an opportunity to “think families” and establish integrated local teams for targeted services.

5. Local Authority CAMHS Grant

Andy reminded the group that this grant had been cut during this financial year by £90,000 by the DCSF. This grant now goes into the local authority area based grant where it is no longer ring-fenced. The local authority has the final decision on what to spend this money on.

An 8.6% reduction on all grants is required 09/10. This equates to a further reduction of £30,000 in the CAMHS grant. This item was brought to the attention of the group for information at this stage, to highlight the potential impact on the services currently delivered using this grant money.

The impact will depend on the option chosen by the local authority for securing the required savings. Andy is currently exploring plans looking at best/worst case scenario.

He reminded the group that the grant currently contributes to investing in children, and pays for social workers, team managers, administrative supports, a self harm co-ordinator and the Aspire Team for Looked After Children.

Action: Draft and impact paper to be presented to Martin Surtees by the end of February (AS/AR).

6. Families at Risk Group – CAMHS Represented

Linda reported that she is currently a member of this group and will act as the link between the group and this partnership.

7. Any Other Business

7.1. Be Healthy Outcome Report

This report will be going to the March partnership and will be circulated to members of this group in due course. In terms of performance, CAMHS can be rated as green and on target for meeting the NSF standards by 2014. The report will also highlight the budget pressure identified within the previous agenda item.

7.2. Mental Health Act

David Ward outlined the significant impact that this Act has on service delivery

Action: For full discussion at April meeting (AF)

7.3. National CAMHS Support Service in time bed availability tool

David Ward alerted the group this new tool.

Action: Circulate to members and to c.c Stacie Stuart for the CAMHS High Care Needs group for information (AF)

7.4. Royal College of Psychiatrist Workforce Planning

David Ward alerted the group to the recommendations made by this group that suggested a number of child psychiatrists need to double within the next 15 years to meet increasing demand.

7.5. Right Here Right Now

The outcome of the bids discussed at the previous meeting will be known by 23rd February. Regardless of outcome, it was agreed that there was a need to ensure the momentum and collaboration achieved in preparing this bid was not lost.

Action: Invite to March or April meeting to discuss outcomes (AF)

Part 2:

8. Agree self assessment matrix and confirm 09/10 action plan.

The group agreed final scores for input to the national self assessment matrix tool. It was noted that significant progress had been made from the previous submission.

From this assessment key actions were identified that need to be brought together with those already identified from the needs assessment and the strategic planning process.

Action: Draft final draft of action plan for next meeting (AF/AR)

9. Date and time of next meeting

Friday 3rd April 2009, 12.00-2.00, Bevan House,