

Newcastle CAMHS Partnership

Notes of meeting held on 1st May 2009

Present

Susan Nelson
Andy Roberts
Sharon Hall

Aileen Fitzgerald
Linda Mason

David Ward
Jacqui Sirs

In Attendance

Val Lake

Sue Miller

Heidi Douglas

Part 1: Business Meeting

1. Apologies

Jan Brown

Caroline Wills

2. Notes of the previous meeting

The notes were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising not on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

4. Parenting Support – Implications for CAMHS

Sue Miller spoke to previously circulated papers. She outlined the proposal to merge the parenting support strategy with the Think Family Group. The purpose of presenting this item is to ask partnership members for their views while recognising that things have moved forward at a significant pace but that it is important for the group to understand what progress is made and what implications there are for CAMHS. The key issue was identified in relation to the Families at Risk Sub-Group and the recognition that the families in contact with services may also be in contact

with CAMHS. There is therefore a need for a mental health service representative on this group.

Action: Ask Jan Brown to speak to Ruth Rogan with regards to attendance (DW)

In discussion it was also noted that the Targeted Mental Health in Schools Programme (TAMHS) fits with the School Reference Group. Andy confirmed that the TAMHS work is only covering three clusters of schools but there needs to be a link with the Families at Risk Group. Another issue for consideration is children of parents who have mental health issues.

Action: Discuss further with Ruth Rogan (SM)

David Ward noted that Mark Ward, a worker with North Tyneside Youth Offending Team, was involved in the national project looking at implementing the multi-systemic therapy model. He suggested that this has a very strong evidence base and has proved to be an affective intervention.

Action: Speak to Mark Ward (SM)

Sue reported that the Think Families Commissioning Group was looking at the national parenting support grant whereby twenty three local authorities had been invited to bid for funding. While Newcastle was unsuccessful, the group are looking at the proposals that could not be supported and assessing the level of risk should these issues not be tackled, at high, medium and low. The focus for intervention will then be on the high risk issues. David Ward suggested that it is useful for partners to know what the bids are about so that the partnership could offer support to those that meet our CAMHS priorities.

Linda Mason is a member of the parenting support implementation workstream on performance monitoring and agreed to feed back to this partnership as appropriate. It was also suggested that there is a need to consider how the model can be used to support families where there is domestic violence or domestic violence and drug and alcohol issues.

5. Right Here Right Now

Heidi Douglas attended for this item and reminded the group of a presentation prior to submission of a bid that was given in January 2009.

She reported that the bid was unsuccessful but that one of the benefits of preparing it was the fact that it started to get voluntary sector partners working together. The age group to be covered was 16 – 25 year olds and she suggested there was now a need to explore how to support some of the ideas that were included as part of the proposal. Heidi suggested that there was also a need to take forward initiatives to support participation of young people in the commissioning process particularly those who do not access routine statutory services. The voluntary sector can play a key role in this. It was noted that the partnership currently provides funding to the investing in children team. Andy Roberts suggested that there may be a need to be more specific in relation to our requirements for them and queried whether there is an opportunity now to do things differently.

- Action:**
- 1) Contact Sam Harrison to understand the implications of the NHS North of Tyne involvement strategy (HD)**
 - 2) Discuss proposals with Nick Brereton (AR/AF)**

The link to Your Welcome was also noted. David Ward suggested that the partnership should also receive feedback from the Joe Hurst/MDF proposal.

- Action: Contact MDF (AR)**

6. Any other business

6.1 Mental Health Act Implications

Sharon Hall spoke to a series of overheads outlining the implications of the Mental Health Act for children and young people. She suggested that this raises a number of issues in relation to safeguarding and a potential increase in mental health tribunals. It is essential that young people are admitted to age appropriate services and that the relationship between tier 3 and 4 services are critical. Sharon suggested that while this is an issue of upmost concern, the use of adult beds for young people in the North East region is the lowest in the country. When this does happen, a serious untoward incident process is initiated to ensure that lessons are learnt and cascaded across the system.

- Action: Share information relating to mental health act with CAMHS High Care Needs Group (AR)**

6.2 Liaison with Great North Hospital for Eating Disorders

David Ward expressed concerns that there was no longer a paediatric liaison service available for CAMHS patients. Susan Nelson reported that a paediatric on-call rota is held by the Newcastle Hospitals switchboard so CAMHS clinicians should always be able to speak to the consultant on-call.

6.3 Community Paediatrics

David Ward noted that the number of community paediatricians appeared to be decreasing with the retirement of Tony Waterston. Susan Nelson confirmed that the service will still be delivered in the locality.

6.4 The Bridges School

Linda Mason asked the partnership to note that the Bridges School had received an outstanding OFSTED assessment. The partnership asked Linda to convey their congratulations to the service.

6.5 Local Authority CAMHS Grant

Andy Roberts reported that the council was currently putting in place a system to ensure enhanced scrutiny of all budgets. Work is currently underway to look at the Looked After Children/ASPIRE contract and also the self harm service which is currently funded through this grant.

6.6 Effectiveness of Mental Health Services

Sharon Hall reported that this is currently a local indicator but nationally they are looking at how it can be progressed.

Part 2: Development work

The CAMHS Partnership action plan was updated and lead officers names inserted.

Action: Circulate final version (AR)

Date and time of next meeting

Friday 5th June 2009, 12 – 2 pm, NHS North of Tyne, Bevan House.