

Commissioning Framework for Mental Health and Deafness

Minutes of the Sponsoring Group
7 June 2007 at Bolton, Trafford and Salford NHS Trust

1. Attendance

List of attendees and their contact details is attached. Sue Turner, Chief Executive of Birmingham and Solihull MH Trust was unable to attend on this occasion although it is hoped she will be able to attend future meetings.

2. Aim of the meeting

This first meeting of the Sponsoring Group had a number of objectives:

- to inaugurate the Sponsoring Group
- to agree on a working title of the programme (as above)
- to agree on the vision of the programme and timescales
- attendees to mandate their organisation to commence work on the programme

3. Vision for the programme

An outline of the current commissioning and service delivery was given by Dr Kitson. There was reference to the DH report Towards Equity and Access and the funding that was attached to that report. Also reference was given to the Warner Review on specialist commission and the implication for MHD. Whilst this programme was initially to concentrate on NHS adult services, people were concerned about the commissioning of children's services and forensic services and how they might fit into this programme at a later date. This will be addressed as the programme proceeds. The agreed vision for the programme will be redrafted and distributed.

4. Programme Overview

Matthew James, the Programme Manager, presented an overview of the programme so as to initiate discussion and comment.

It was felt strongly by all that

- The programme must involve closer contact with Commissioners, perhaps 2-3 joining the Sponsoring Group
- Regional Specialist Commissioning Groups, at a distance to the three services, should be engaged in the process
- Mental Health and Deafness needs to be designated as a Highly Specialist Service in the Natural Definitions Set
- We need to develop Commissioning Guidelines
- The Sponsoring Group and its programme of work needs the endorsement of the National Specialist Commissioning as well as the Regional SCG's

- The needs assessment and service mapping exercises that are being undertaken in the North East, could be used to influence commissioning elsewhere
- The timetable should be readjusted to include SCG's close to the 3 services from 08-09
- We should try and engage Regional SCG's in the delivery group as well as sponsoring group
- We should involve the 'ADSS' in the programme
- Where it was still possible to access TEA monies that had been distributed to PCT's, the involvement of Gateway type workers to develop the Care Pathway, could be a 'quick win'.

5. Election of Chair

It was agreed that Steve Powell should continue to chair the Sponsoring Group.

6. Date and Venue of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Birmingham and Solihull MH Trust on Thursday 8 November, 12.00pm for lunch and 1.00pm start of meeting.

Thanks were given to Bev Humphrey for her hospitality.

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Copy of the TEA report
Copy of Executive Briefing on MHD
Copy of attendees contact details
Copy of letter sent to Adrian Pollitt