

STOCKPORT MENTAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

QUARTERLY REPORT TO STOCKPORT LINK – JUNE 2010

Introduction

Stockport LINK has requested regular reports from the Mental Health Local Implementation Team in order to be kept up to date on key areas with mental health services and be given an opportunity to comment, feedback and raise any other items. This is the first quarterly report covering the period April 2010 – June 2010.

New Chair for the Executive LIT

As a result of the changing and extended role for Richard Popplewell, Terry Dafter, Director of Adult Social Care has now taken over the chair of the Mental Health Executive LIT. This is very welcome and very timely as the LIT begins to focus on how best to respond to and implement new national mental health policy, New Horizons: A Shared Vision for Mental Health.

Items raised by Carers and People who use Services

At the start of the LIT meetings time is dedicated for carers and people who use services to raise items which are important to them. Over the first quarter the following items were raised: -

Items Raised	How they have been taken forward
Impact on Transforming Community Services (TCS) agenda for people who use mental health services	Explanation and information given about the TCS agenda
Research on personality disorders, which one of the service users has been involved in	For Information
Self Harm project with Stockport NHS Foundation Trust	For Information
Information request about accessible services for the Deaf Health Community	Request for information on this area
Advanced Directives and clarity around this	Pennine Care provided LIT members with the policy on Advanced Directives
Physical health care for people with mental health problems and the role and involvement of general practitioners (GPs)	This is to be taken forward as a main agenda item in July with attendance from the GP mental health Lead
Change of name for 6a Service User Group to Service User Network Stockport (SUNS)	For information
Carrying out annual health checks	To be linked with physical health care for people with mental health problems as a main agenda item in July
Changes in the benefits system and the introduction of Employment Support Allowance	Collection of examples
Letter sent by Pauline Roberts to Richard Popplewell about funding of mental health services	Response received from Richard Popplewell and shared with LIT members

Year End Performance

The Mental health LIT has developed a performance tool, which is divided into two parts.

Part 1: Reports/presents on both national and local targets

Part 2: Reports/presents on progress against the Joint Commissioning Strategy

In relation to part 1, I can report that the mental health services met the national targets set for numbers of people supported in the following teams: -

- Assertive Out-reach
- Early Intervention
- Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment

Targets and good performance ratings were also achieved for the following: -

- 7 day follow up post discharge
- Well Being Centre
- Arts, Exercise and Books on Prescription
- LAA targets for people in secondary care supported in employment, education and volunteering
- LA Indicator on number of people receiving direct payments or an identified personal budget

Access to psychological therapies remains a challenging area, but with the full implementation of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies the services are making real improvements in reducing the waiting times.

Other Key Areas to Note

- LIT members were updated on Self Directed Support from a presentation by Nick Dixon
- Mental Health and Housing Strategy Plan was discussed
- Clare Clarke gave an update on the suicide audit and prevention
- Discussion document presented about the options for the Well-Being Centre
- Letter from Richard Wickison, Chief Executive from Stockport Mind setting out his views around the involvement of users and carers and their influence at the Mental Health LIT
- Stockport Mental Health LIT has agreed to participate in a PhD research project on the role of Mental Health LITs in the implementation of the National Service Framework for Mental Health. Karen Newbigging, the principle researcher came to the LIT to talk about this study.

Conclusion

I hope this report provides Stockport LINK with an update on the work of the Mental Health LIT.

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