

Notes from the National Primary Health Care and Learning Disabilities Network meeting of 23rd January 2002

Present:

Jackie Fleeman, Gwen Moulster, Sue Brady, Jo Darrow, Carol Onyewu, David Martin, Rick Robson, Karina Allen, Kay Graham, David Charnock, Sarah Ellison, Louise Paine, Sue Carmichael, Maxine Prior, Shelley Anderson, Jackie Crow, Ron Hull, Alison Pointu, Janet Dring, Sally-Anne Redhead, Jo Corbett, Sandra Dawson, Judi Johnson, Lesley Russ, Mary Codling, Fiona Pearson, Karen Thompson, Sally-Ann Broughton, Janet Cobb and Sue Denny

Apologies:

Fiona Parley, Phil Boulter, Gill Gates, Margaret Gregory, Melanie Chapman, David Marshall, Caron Thomas, Martin Bollard, Maria Foster, Billy McAlinden, Dave Hanson, Robert McFarlane, Christian Fluet, Allyson Kent, Dr Glyn Jones, Vicky Stobbart, Nicola Trenoweden

General Introductions and Programme for Day

The day commenced with general introductions from members outlining key areas that have been developed well within individual localities and areas of practice to concentrate on. Key themes for network members to exchange experiences and good practice highlighted were:

- ✓ Accessing Acute Hospitals
- ✓ Health Facilitation pilots
- ✓ Resettlement
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Breast and Cervical Screening
- ✓ Children's services.
- ✓ Transition of children onto health services
- ✓ Primary and Secondary Development Packs
- ✓ Evidence Based Healthcare
- ✓ Practice registers and GP read code system
- ✓ Annual health screening programmes
- ✓ Ethnic minority groups
- ✓ Hearing pathway
- ✓ Health Promotion
- ✓ NW directory of contacts for PHC & Hospital work – contact Janet Cobb

Venue and Refreshments

A thanks was given to Sue Brady for arranging venue and refreshments. £5.00 charge for lunch was passed to all members. Copy of receipt attached. Janet Cobb and Sue Denny to discuss funding further for the network with Sue Carmichael from the Valuing People, Implementation Support Team.

Debate – House of Commons

On the 1st February there will be a debate on Learning Disabilities.

General Medical Services (GMS) and Personal Medical Services Presentation (PMS)

Very informative presentation by Julie Briggs and Phil, from the Heart of Birmingham Primary Care Group on the financial incentives and contracts set up for GPs. See attached OHP's. Important to note the enormous changes happening within primary care and opportunities to contact local Primary Care Trust/Groups to find out what PMS initiatives have been started.

PMS plus is to encourage secondary services to come into Primary Care.

Green field monies are available to develop health services for specific unmet needs an example would be health services for refugees.

Networking and sharing experiences

Individual members had the opportunity to discuss current projects, difficulties and share information. Please contact Janet Cobb to advise any change of email address or telephone numbers. The network committee; Janet Cobb, Sue Denny, David Charnock and Susan Brady outlined the next network meeting proposed agenda for the 17th April. The focus to be on health action plans as guidance expected to be launched in April 2002. Lesley Russ will contact Dr Matt Houghton to speak to the network.

All members to bring a poster display outlining areas of good practice that have been successful in their respective NHS Trusts and to summarise work onto an A4 sheet, making 40 copies for distribution on the day.

Time will be built in the programme to allow all members adequate time for sharing work.

The Implementation Support Team (I.S.T)

Sue Carmicahel discussed the I.S.T role and function to help Valuing People happen. Details on the I.S.T can be obtained from the DOH website.(learning Disabilities)

<http://tap.ccta.gov.uk/doh/intpress.nsf/page/2001-0631?OpenDocument>

Valuing People Guidance Update

Person Centred Planning Guidance and Draft Partnership guidance available on the DOH website.

Department of Health, Learning Disability Nursing Post

Will be out for advert over next few weeks. (The post is .5) Sue Carmichael encouraging nurses to apply.

Regional Care Pathways Initiatives presented on

Epilepsy – Dr Farooq Ahmed

Hearing Impairment – Susan Brady

Challenging Behaviour – Jenny Pitt

Transition – Chris Sholl

Please see OHP's attached.

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