

Item 2

MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SIG HELD AT 1.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 22ND MAY 2008 WITHIN COMMITTEE ROOM 3, FIFE HOUSE

Present:

George Cunningham, General Manager, KLCHP (Chair)	GC
Bob McLean, General Manager – Mental Health Directorate, KLCHP	BM
Dr Matthew Roll, Consultant in Psychiatry, NHS Fife	MR
Mike Roworth, Public Health, NHS Fife	MRo
Gary Guichan, Fife Advocacy, Voluntary Sector	GC
Sallie Anderson, FEAT, Voluntary Sector	SA
Roslyn Blair, Team Leader, Addictions Services, NHS Fife	RB
Vera Scotland, Family Fife Support Group	VS

In Attendance:

Alan Briggs, Assistant Director of Finance, NHS Fife	AB
Helen Townsend, Service Manager, Social Work	HT
Hugh Elliott, Accountant, Fife Council	HE
Lesley Tweedie, Clinical Service Manager (Representing Aileen Whyte)	LT
Christina Cooper, Service Manager, TODAY Group	CC
Phil Martin, Partnership Manager, Job Centre Plus	PM
Anne-Marie Robb, Customer Manager, Pathways to Work	AR
Lisa Ingram, Corporate Services Administrator (minutes)	LI

ACTION

George Cunningham opened the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting. He welcomed and introduced Phil Martin from Jobcentre Plus and Anne-Marie Robb from Triage Central Ltd, the prime contractor for Pathways to Work.

PRESENTATION:- INCAPACITY BENEFIT

Phil Martin gave a quick introduction to Clinical Pathways and described briefly what his job entails.

Anne-Marie Robb explained the Pathways to Work model is used to recruit new claimants back to work (from December 2007). AR explained that there are five mandatory interviews that claimants participate in before putting them onto the Pathways to Work training.

The SIG were advised that the client is never forced back into work

but if a client was successfully placed to a post their progress would be followed and supported. AR stated that there was an expected success rate of 40% expected and advised partnership plays a strong part within the model.

AR welcomed questions.

SA advised that she did have clients who had experienced Pathways to Work and had heard mixed reviews.

AR advised that only 50% of the new claimants will pass the Pathways to Work test. She assured the SIG that the 50% that fail are passed on for support.

BM expressed concerns on the capability assessment as it does not assess whether clients have mild or moderate mental health problems. AR agreed that Pathways has no input as to how is selected for the scheme.

PM informed the SIG that if claimants had to come off the programme due to medical conditions, there is an understanding they can be put back on. He guaranteed Pathways to Work focused on what the claimant can do rather than their health condition.

AR thanked the SIG for inviting her and advised she could be contacted at the old Social Security Building in Glenrothes. She advised Pathways could not work without partnership.

GC thanked PM and AR for coming on behalf of the SIG and resumed normal business.

1. WELCOMES AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

George Cunningham welcomed everyone to the Mental Health SIG.

Apologies were received from Mary Porter, Jackie Hancock, John Short, Aileen Whyte, Phyllis Turner, John Dow and Roseann Fearon. The SIG were informed that Billy Moyes can no longer attend the Mental Health SIG meetings.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2008 were approved subject to the following amendment:

“HE was able to assure the Mental Health SIG that the money will not go down in 2008-09 and advised the **same money allocated in 2007-08 has been assigned for 2008-09.**”

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MENTAL HEALTH SIG EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 17TH APRIL 2008

The minutes of the previous Mental Health SIG Executive meeting held on 13th December 2007 will be sent to the SIG.

4. MATTERS ARISING

GC advised that John Short was on annual leave and the update on the Peer Support Worker will be carried forward to the next meeting.

GC informed that he was still to produce items on single outcome agreement.

AB asked if the Coordinating post had been appointed. HE believed that it had been and thought the post had been filled from the Voluntary Sector. HE advised the NHS would be billed quarterly and AB agreed.

5. FOR INFORMATION

5.1 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

This was distributed at meeting for information. Members can contact Lisa Ingram for an electronic copy (lisaingram@nhs.net).

5.2 FIFE DRUG DEATHS REPORT 2005 – 2007

MRO reported that DAAT will be converting the recommendations in the Fife Drugs Deaths Report into an action plan.

6. NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH BENCHMARKING PROJECT

BM explained the background to the National Mental Health Benchmarking Project. He referred the SIG to the Government's website where the most up to date report could be obtained.

HT advised she would be taking the lead with the Social Work side of the project. She will link with BM and the voluntary sector.

7. ADDICTION SERVICES REVIEW

GC advised two members were at the most recent DAAT meeting where the Addiction Services Review was discussed.

MRO advised the SIG that the authors of the Addiction Services Review are going to be invited to DAAT to talk about the next stages and how to implement the review.

GC recommended that the Mental Health SIG take forward the NHS recommendations.

MRO agreed that it makes sense to bring it to the SIG as the group is meant to implement strategy and move things forward.

GC seen the SIG as a place that could take the recommendations forward but he wanted to gain partners approval before actioning the recommendations in the report.

BM stated he was worried that the SIG could become an approval route and suggested that the recommendations may not need to go through yet another multi-agency group. He felt that the Addiction Services sits strategically with DAAT and it should therefore be DAAT that should endorse recommendations and review them.

GC explained that the CHP had commissioned the Addiction Services Review because gaps had been identified within the service provision. Dr Bisset led the review and he is now recommending that the recommendations are embedded locally through the SIG.

GC advised that if the document gets signed off by the various bodies then the SIG would take the ones it is responsible for and this will be brought back to the SIG.

The SIG **noted** their agreement to take forward the report.

8. AOCB

8.1 CC asked if a review of membership was going to take place on behalf of John Dow.

GC that Roseanne Fearon (RF) had discussed this with him and advised that the role of the Mental Health SIG Executive meeting would be looked at rather than the role of the SIG. GC informed the SIG that this was being looked at because of the huge amount of duplication due to issues being discussed between the two meetings. GC and RF will be discussing this further with a look to potentially review how to move things forward without the Executive group.

8.2 LT informed the SIG of a Mental Health week being organised to publicise the partnerships involved and what they do. She advised Aileen Whyte does not want the event to get too big and that she is looking to groups who have been funded through partnership to give an update at the event.

8.3 MRo told the SIG that Stella Clark asked him to mention the services for mentally disordered offenders. MRo is on the group. He advised the current rate of progress is going well and the group hopes to take the Business Case will be ready by August. A discussion took place around which Committee the proposal should go to.

GC thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Mental Health SIG meeting will take place on Thursday 21 August 2008 at 1.00pm within the Board Room, Cameron Hospital.