

Healthy Minds Forum Minutes 13th February 2017

Present: Ali, Chris, Conrad, Keith, Laura, Michelle, Simon, Wayne, Wendy, Zeenat

Apologies: SD, LS, SM, JS, SW

Introductions

1. 09/01/17 Minutes – follow up

- **Employment and Disability** -The online consultation on Employment and Disability/ Improving Lives Green Paper is still available for comment, until 17th February.

- **GP online services**- CCG Feedback by email- *Hi Michelle, apologies for the delay in responding to your query. I have now received a response to this query which is set out below;*

On line booking is in addition to being able to phone to make an appointment. Practices offer a variety of appointments on line, same day or advance appointments. Patients can also ask to sign up to order their prescriptions on line, they just ask at their GP practice

Action- We discussed how each practice might have a different system. People agreed that it would be interesting to find out their own experiences of what online provision their GP practice offers?

- **A&E Feedback**- Michelle is still pursuing who to invite to a Forum meeting-
UPDATE- Corinne McDonald, Project Manager – Service Improvement would like to attend a future meeting and hear people experiences and views.
- **Mental Health Awareness week 8th-14th May 2017**- There will be stalls and information stands at Tesco's King Cross on 8th, 9th, 10th May 2017. Michelle will keep people updated if they wish to get involved.

2. Update on Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) reoccurring funding in Calderdale

The Clinical Commissioning Group has made a decision not to refund some services that they have previously supported and this has meant that 14 community groups will not have their funding renewed in April this year. The CCG have explained this is because of having to save at least £5 million to meet their financial targets.

The 14 groups includes services **within** some of the following organisations and therefore not all the organisations will close completely. However, there will be more limited services available.

Groups affected include: X-PERT Health, Women's Centre, Turning Point Brighouse, Northpoint Wellbeing, Incredible Aqua Garden, Home-Start Calderdale, Calderdale disability Advice Resource Team, Christians Together Calderdale, Unique Ways, Citizens Advice Calderdale, Barnardo's and Healthy Minds Calderdale.

Healthy Minds have published their own response on their website. Please follow this link to read <http://www.healthymindscalderdale.co.uk/latest-news.html>

The general feeling at the forum was that the non-reoccurrence funding was going to hit the most vulnerable and hard to reach. Services that were being cut (particularly Noah's Ark) were easily accessible and felt safe for a lot of people. It was also recognised that many of the organisations had grown from small beginnings. There was a lot of hard work and investment from staff, volunteers and service users to help them develop and become successful.

There were a few pertinent questions and points:

- 1) What was the rationale for the cuts?
- 2) If the services are working, why are they not being refunded?
- 3) What will be the impact of the cuts on statutory provision? I.e. Insight have a 6-8 week waiting list at present, if this increases what is the impact on people waiting or being referred?
- 4) If the government is developing strategies to support mental health and wellbeing and in particular young people's mental health, then why are these services that meet these needs being targeted?
- 5) The lack of recurrent funding for voluntary sector providers seems disproportionate across mental health services as a whole.

3. **What is Advocacy? - Cloverleaf Advocacy** – Chris Scheller , Manager of Cloverleaf Advocacy Service and Her colleague Conrad Mlanga who is an Independent Mental Health Advocate gave an overview of Cloverleaf Advocacy provision- describing the different advocate roles and services in her team.

Chris explained that Cloverleaf Advocacy is a 'not for profit' organisation and although they used to provide 'generic' advocacy, they were now only able to offer statutory advocacy services. These are;

- Independent Mental Health Act Advocacy
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy
- Care Act Advocacy
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Relevant Persons Representative

All advocacy services encourage self-advocacy but also take the role of supporting someone to have a voice or say in their care or treatment. They are also given the opportunity to explore options in order to make informed choices in their lives. It is important that people feel that they have someone on their side.

Their mental health advocacy clients are usually people sectioned under the Mental Health Act or on one of the Psychiatric wards; either in hospital or on a Community Treatment order in the community.

Cloverleaf provide this service to Barnsley Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield.

6. Future meetings

Next meeting is Monday 13th March 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Orange Box, Box, 1 Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1QA.

Mental Health Transformation Programme-Presentation & Discussion with Sue Sutcliffe - General Manager for Adult Community services & Phil Tordoff Practice Governance Coach from South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Minutes
3. Guest speakers
4. Mental Health Awareness week 8th-14th May 2017
5. Any Other Business
6. Future meetings

Please let Michelle know if you would like to add an item to the agenda?

***Please note that we can reimburse reasonable travel or childcare costs (from a registered child-minder) expenses for Healthy Mind Forum attendees.**



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2. Matters arising
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5. Any Other Business
6. Future of the forum
7. Next meeting