

Camden Health & Race Group (CH&RG)
Notes of the CH&RG 'LIT Reference Group' meeting: 30/05/07

Present

Maureen Brewster	Camden Health & Race Group
Gloria Oham	Camden Health & Race Group
Neil Woodnick	Camden PCT Public & Patients Involvement Forum
Anastasia Patrikiou	Age Concern Camden Talking Therapies
Kiran Patel	Community Development and Regeneration LBC
Fleur Sharman	Age Concern Dementia Advocacy Co-ordinator
Zaheer Afridi	NCS Highgate Newtown Community Centre
Jeremy Arnold	Community Housing Group
Anita Jagua	SIRI Behavioural Health
Brenda Williams	Sixties Press

Apologies

Jenny Alphonse	Camden Crossroads
Tulloch Kempe	New Directions Camden
Aiden Moloney	Camden & Islington Providers Forum
Jean Luc Revest	Camden PCT, Advocacy Services
Claire Hurrell	Camden VAC
Julia Wiggets	Camden Crossroads
Ezia Camboni	Highgate Newtown Community Centre, Neighbourhood Care Scheme

Background Information

The Mental Health National Service Framework (NSF) includes key targets which are to be implemented within a government timetable. Implementation is performance managed through Local Implementation Teams (LITs). Camden Mental Health LIT is a partnership with representatives from service users, carers, statutory and non-statutory providers, clinicians and commissioners.

Camden LIT:

- Aims to involve all stakeholders in the planning and implementation of the NSF in ways which meet local needs.
- Monitors and evaluates the work of the Mental Health Joint Commissioning Group (MHJCG) which has the lead for recommending commissioning priorities within mental health services across the borough.
- Ensure that the NSF standards are met and make recommendations as to how any gaps can be addressed.

The purpose of this meeting was to enable people to feed issues, proactively, into the Camden Mental Health LIT meetings, thus strengthening the Camden Health & Race representative role on the LIT.

The following were discussed as issues to be raised at the next Camden Mental Health LIT meeting on the 8th June.

Services and Information

- The London Irish Centre: Concern around the lack of Irish specific health promotion literature and services on mental health. This is particularly worrying considering the high rates of suicide in older Irish men in Camden. What are these services? How are they accessed?
- There are 15-30 Somali Organisations.
Are there any language specific services for the Somali Communities?
Somali Groups tend to refer to Holy Cross, as it's the only organisations they are aware of.

Review of Psychological Therapies

- Do not exclude long term therapies, especially for older people who have life long issues which take a lot of reflection and BME communities.
- Age Concern Camden is working with BME people who need flexibility (long and short term therapies), and culturally appropriate services. CBT does not always fit with all cultures for healing.
- The Irish Centre responded to the Psychological Therapies Review on behalf of the Irish Healthy Living Project / London Irish Centre, and the direct psychological services we provide are Irish men's psychotherapy groups.
- Clinical Outcomes Routine Evaluation (CORE).
How to we adapt CORE for the use with BME clients? Can part of the evaluation be a narrative aspect? Using interpreters whilst implementing CORE is difficult.

Care Trust Consultation. (I think this is the consultation on Camden Rehabilitation Strategy)

Maintaining out-patients (loss of Consultants)

Review of Day Services and Hospital.

Consumed into 2 recovery centres which can only be assessed in a crisis.

What is the status of the consultation?

Will there be a freeze on action, until the consultation has been concluded?

Mental Capacity Act.

- Social Workers (key referrers of the IMCA) don't always seem to take the concerns of the voluntary sector re: person's incapacity serious therefore may not refer onto the IMCA.

What is the role of the Camden & Islington Providers Forum in taking forward some of these issues?

Date of next meeting

3rd September 2007 10am at Voluntary Action Camden