

**Notes of Camden Health & Race Group (CH&RG)
Local Implementation Team (LIT) Reference Group meeting
3rd September 2007**

1. Present

Gloria Oham	Camden Health & Race Group (CH&RG)
Maureen Brewster	Camden Health & Race Group (CH&RG)
Jilani Chowdhury	Bengali Workers Association (BWA)
Jean-Luc Revest	Camden PCT
Josie Reeder	Voluntary Action Camden
Robert Holman	Camden PCT/LA Camden PCT Public & Patients Involvement Forum

Apologies

Shu Pao Lin	Camden Chinese Community Centre
Rafequee Ahmed	Greater London Pensioners Association
Kiran Patel	Community Development and Regeneration LBC
Jennifer Kenward	Royal Free Hospital
Jenny Alphonse	Camden Crossroads
Aiden Moloney	Camden & Islington Providers Forum

Background

Maureen explained the role of the Mental Health Local Implementation Team (LIT) and the purpose of the CH&RG Reference Group which is to feed into the Mental Health LIT meeting. Tulloch Kempe, vice-chair of CH&RG and one of the voluntary sector representative on the LIT, has resigned from these posts following the lost of funding to New Directions Camden.

The Camden Mental Health LIT is a partnership with representatives from service users, carers, statutory and non-statutory providers, clinicians and commissioners. The role of Camden Mental Health LIT is to implement and performance manage key targets of the Mental Health National Service Framework (NSF).

2. Minutes of the last meeting, 30/5/07, and matters arising

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, and the issues raised were tabled at the Mental Health LIT meeting in June. These were concerns around the following areas:

- i. That the statutory sector being unaware of services that were available from the voluntary and community sector, not funded by specific mental health funding.
- ii. The review of psychological therapies should not exclude long term therapies, especially for older people, who have life long issues which take a lot of reflection, and for BME communities. - *Judy Leibowitz, Camden PCT confirmed that long term psychotherapies were considered.*
- iii. Clinical Outcomes Routine Evaluation (CORE) – How to adapt CORE for use with BME Clients? Can part of the evaluation be a narrative aspect? Using interpreters whilst implementing CORE is difficult. - *Judy Leibowitz,*

Camden PCT noted that nothing prevents organisations from including a narrative aspect. .

- iv. The Care Trust Consultation, which included: loss of consultants; review of Day Services and Hospitals, Recovery Centres, and the status of consultation.
- v. The Mental Capacity Act – would referrals from Voluntary and community sector organisations be given equal status as those from other clinicians?

3. Camden Mental Health LIT Work Programme (2007/08)

The Camden Mental Health LIT Work Programme (2007/08) was discussed, and the following issues were raised, which Maureen will table at the next Camden Mental Health LIT meeting:

Graduate Workers

Maureen explained that these posts were frozen due to financial pressures on the PCT. However the freeze has been lifted and graduate workers recruited. What is the remit of the Graduate Workers?

Support Time and Recovery (STaR) workers

Concerns that the STaR workers will either be: largely untrained or psychology undergraduate students looking for placements. The STaR workers would have to build links with a client which is a long-term commitment.

Has the publicity material been designed yet and will it be distributed?

The Mental Health of People with Learning Difficulties.

Is Camden People 1st involved in this work stream? They had raised concerns re: dual diagnosis at a CH&RG meeting.

Delivery Race Equality (DRE): BMER people's Mental Health Care

A lengthy discussion was had on DRE, especially in relation to what the Care Trust was doing to tackle institutional racism.

What is the statutory sector doing around the DRE and how is it being implemented?

Service User Involvement

Has the introduction of Reward & Recognition curtailed service user involvement?

Can this be monitored?

Advocacy

Review of Advocacy Service - Maureen reported that she has been invited to sit on the panel to look at the applications to run Camden's Advocacy Service. There was a worry that advocacy would only be available in hospitals and not in the community.

How will the provision of Community advocacy be met?

4. Camden Mental Health LIT Agenda, 20/9/07

Previously concerns were raised about the late arrival of agendas and papers.

Progress has been made with the agenda and action notes being available in ample time.

5. Action Points from Camden Mental Health LIT meeting, 08/06/07

Mental Health Day Centre: A consortia comprising: Mind in Camden, Camden Volunteering Centre and Holy Cross Centre Trust has successfully won the contract to run Mental Health Day Centre.

Q: Are these providers linked into the communities they are serving particularly those that do not speak English? This could take the form of running satellite services at community centres/organisations.

Comment: We can ask someone from the successful consortia to come and give us a presentation at the next CH&RG Meeting about how they hope to meet community needs.

Q: What provision was made for working with BME groups in the tender process?

Cost Improvement Programme (CIP). Maureen has been invited by the Care Trust to sit on the CIP Stakeholders meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 5th September 2007.

Improving Access to Psychological Therapies.

Psychological Therapies Providers Network – Robert explained the first meeting was more of an introductory one as oppose to a decision making meeting. Camden was unsuccessful in their bid for the Department of Health Pathfinder grant to improve access to psychological therapies. As only one London Borough was successful, a pan-London meeting is being convened, to look at how to take forward recommendations from the various bids.

Comment: The psychological therapies review highlighted a lack of BME services and capacity for organisations to deliver these, which suggests a need for training and support. VAC will be able to do some work around training as they have successfully recruited Josie Reeder, Mental Health Development Worker, whose brief includes training and support around Mental Health.

See above item No 3 for updates on the following: STaR, Advocacy Workers; Reward and Recognition; Delivering Race Equality.

6. A.O.B.

Day Hospitals and Recovery Hospitals - The report on the Day Hospitals and Recovery Hospitals will be going to the board meeting in September where decision will be made.

Scrutiny - There is a review of Camden's new approach to scrutiny. Following the election in 2006, the partnership administration proposed new scrutiny arrangements, which were adopted and implemented. At the time, the Leader of the Council gave a commitment to review the new scrutiny arrangements after they had been operating for a year. A discussion paper is available provides the basis for that review and aims. The deadline for responses is Friday 21stc September 2007. For further details contact: Hannah Paten on 020 7974 3335 or Hannah.paten@camden.gov.uk.

Jiliani of BWA is interested in creating a service for Bangladeshi speakers who will access a nurse and enable them to continue on to primary care. The issue of interpreters will also receive attention.

Next Lit CH&RG Mental Health LIT Reference Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th December 2007, 10am venue to be agreed