

Well-Being Partnership Theme Board

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Report Title: Update from Mental Health Partnership Executive Board

Report of: Chair, Mental Health Partnership Executive Board

Summary

To update Well-being Partnership Theme Board on Mental Health Partnership Executive Board's strategies.

Recommendations

That the Well-being Partnership note progress and key issues, following the Mental Health Executive meeting on the 26th January 2006 and the Mental Health Partnership Local Implementation Team meeting on the 11th January and the 15th February 2006.

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1. Financial Update

- 1.1 The financial position and recovery plans of HTPCT, Haringey Council and BEHMHT were discussed at the Mental Health Partnership Executive in January. It is clear that the financial context for all partners is very challenging. The impact of the TPCTs decision to withdraw some elements of funding currently passed to Haringey Council was discussed. It was noted that Haringey Council would need to work through the implications in more detail before full impact could be assessed. In this context discussion of the draft Joint Commissioning Plan was deferred to the next meeting. The need to work as collaboratively as possible to minimise disruption to service delivery and strategic development of services was agreed.
- 1.2 The Partnership LIT has not formally discussed the financial position although a number of members have expressed concern about the impact of budget reductions on services and individual service users. A paper on finance and commissioning will be taken to the March Partnership LIT meeting.

2. CSCI Inspection Update and Action Planning.

- 2.1 The CSCI inspection of Mental Health Services took place 7-17 February. A great deal of preparation work across Haringey Council and BEHMHT took place in advance of the inspection to ensure all relevant evidence available for the inspectors. Preliminary feedback has been received by partners which highlighted a number of areas for development – key issues were commissioning capacity both within Haringey Council and across partners and the need to improve care programme approach and care management systems within CMHTs. It is anticipated that the Inspection report will be available in June, 2006.

3. Mental Health Strategy and Commissioning Plan.

- 3.1 The Joint Health and Social Care Mental Health Strategy has been formally signed off by partners following the discussion period. A more detailed commissioning plan is being developed to underpin this strategy. An initial draft was been prepared to support the MH inspection, further work is required to finalise the document.

4. Redevelopment of Specialist Mental Health Services – St Ann’s Strategic Outline Case (SOC).

- 4.1 A detailed discussion of the St. Ann’s SOC took place at the November Executive meeting and a presentation on the proposed service model and estate development options was made to the Partnership LIT in February.
- 4.2 The SOC has now been approved by the MHT Trust Board and ‘approved in principle’ by the TPCT Board (subject to further review of financial modelling). The SOC sets the broad direction of travel for the redevelopment of services, as the Outline Business Case is developed the service model and options proposed will be tested further and more detailed activity and financial planning will be undertaken.

5. Day Opportunities Strategy

- 5.1 The draft Day Opportunities Strategy was presented to the January meeting of the Partnership LIT. It was noted that there had been significant stakeholder involvement in the development of the strategy and the direction of travel set out in the paper was broadly welcomed. Stakeholders were keen to see implementation plans and next steps and sought assurances that organisational changes would be managed appropriately.

6. Well-being Partnership Planning Structures

- 6.1 Gill Hawken, Head of Partnerships, attended the meeting and set out how MH structures sit within the broader well being structure. LIT members expressed some concern about transparency of decision making within the new structures and the overall profile of Mental Health Services within the Well Being Partnership. It was agreed that this issue would be kept under review and that the Partnership LIT would receive minutes of the MH Partnership Executive and the Well Being Board in future.

7. Future agenda items: Partnership LIT (March 15th Meeting)

- Financial planning
- Neighbourhood Renewal Funds
- Inspection feedback