

## **Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation**

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

### **Attendance**

Cllr P Young - CHAIR  
Cllr Andrew Morgan (AM), Chair Bolton Health OSC  
Cllr Joe Kean (JK)  
Cllr C Gray (CG)  
Cllr Jane Murphy (JM)  
Cllr J Lloyd  
Linda Sharples  
Jack Howard  
John Addison

Introduction was provided by the Chair Cllr Mrs Young

### **Item 1: Terms of reference.**

Cllr Young presented the current terms of reference to the committee

Cllr JK wanted to look at the issues that affect all the areas

It was also agreed by the committee that at future meetings it would be useful if the committee were made aware of any major new proposals or changes. This could come in the form of a paper list or email. It would be useful to have the list before the meeting so that members can gather thoughts in advance

**Action: Speak to somebody at the mental health trust about the possibility of gathering this information**

**Action: Terms of reference are to be updated**

It was also agreed by the committee that there should be information sharing outside of the committee meeting around the activities and work programmes of the associated local health scrutiny committees and LINKS

**Action: Prior to each committee, each authority are to send a brief recap of the activities of their local health scrutiny committees and LINKS**

**Item 4 (moved forward)**

Cath Moran (Director of Operations and Nursing) provided a presentation on the Core Standard C17 - The views of patients, their carers and others are sought and taken into account in designing, planning, delivering and improving healthcare services.

The presentation focused on

- The specific Lines of Enquiry sitting underneath the standard
- The seeking of Patient and Public Views
- Having a patient and public involvement strategy
- Requirement to consult with OSC on any substantial development or substantial variation to service
- Publication of a Race Equality Scheme
- Working with voluntary and community groups

NB It was suggested that all local Health OSC should have been consulted with for the draft social inclusion and recovery strategy

**Action: Find out within your authorities whether you have participated in the consultation**

### **Item 2 and 3 (Covered together)**

Members of the committee looked through the *Mental Health Trust Annual Plan 2008/09*, to identify which areas they wanted to look at in further detail.

In addition to this, the committee looked at *Annual Health Check Core Standards 07/08* and, *Annual Health Check Assessment Report 2008/09*

It was agreed that the committee would like to receive further information on Core standard C18 Healthcare organisations enable all members of the population to access services equally and offer choice in access to services and treatment equitably

**Action: Speak to Cath Moran about providing an update on progress towards**

Some of the committee members expressed an interest in having a walking tour of the mental health trust after or before the next meeting.

**Action: Identify from members, who wants to participate in the tour of the trust**

Cllr AM suggested that councillors within the committee write a letter to their respective PCT's to identify what the waiting lists currently are within that area for accessing the services of the Mental Health Trust. This would help identify if there are any issues with patients accessing the services and will help to stimulate debate as to why.

Further to this, it was also suggested that information be requested on what services are currently being accessed from the mental health trust, and the average length of stay for that service

Action: Committee members to send a single letter from each authority to their PCTs requesting the above information

### **Item 5 NHS Northwest Commission on Mental Health Services**

The committee received the Launch report (Oct 07) and the latest progress report (July)

It was agreed that the committee would receive the final report from NHS NW, when it becomes available

**Action: Get the report for the next meeting**