

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION TRUST JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 10TH OCTOBER, 2013

Present :

Bolton Council

Councillor C. Burrows
Councillor Cunliffe
Councillor Morgan
Ian Mulholland – Principal Democratic Services Officer

Salford City Council

Councillor Burgoyne
Councillor Turner
Councillor Wilson

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Jayne Wright – District Services Network Manager
Gill Green - Director of Nursing and Operations
Neil Thwaite - Director of Service and Business Development
Aidan Bucknall – Professional Lead for Psychological Therapies

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th June, 2013 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be signed as a correct record.

7. THE RADAR SERVICE (RAPID ACCESS TO DETOXIFICATION ACUTE HOSPITAL REFERRALS) - OUTCOME

Members of the Committee visited the RADAR Service on 28th August, 2013 and received a presentation on the project and also undertook a tour of the facilities.

Following the presentation, members referred to the following in their discussions –

- The liaison gap between the acute hospital and here;
- The strict admission criteria and the remaining unmet need;
- Signposting for families of those concerned and information provision;
- The current referral method via A and E only;
- The existing small remit of the Service;
- Future funding arrangements; and
- The success of the Service and independent evaluation.

In their discussions at this meeting, members referred to –

- An excellent visit and discussion;
- The examination of funding to continue the Service;
- Matters around the service evaluation; and
- The tendering of drug and alcohol services - Salford Services.

Resolved – (i) That the success of the visit by members be noted.

(ii) That this Committee supports the positive work being undertaken by the RADAR Service.

8. UPDATE ON QUALITY ACCOUNT PRIORITY ONE (PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPIES)

The Committee received an update from Aidan Bucknall, Professional Lead for Psychological Therapies on the work being undertaken with regard to Quality Account One (Psychological Therapies).

Mr Bucknall explained that the aim was to improve outcomes and working on improving access in primary and secondary care to all services for people with differing conditions.

It was indicated that there were annually 18,000 referrals in the Greater Manchester West area and waiting times had been brought down to a maximum of 18 weeks and matters were on track to meet the set targets in the talking Therapy Plan.

Certain areas were prioritised which included military veterans and pregnant women.

There was also a choice of Psychological approach within the services.

Mr Bucknall mentioned that there were areas to improve on but in terms of primary care the basics were in place.

With regard to secondary care, the meeting was informed that there was no extra funding like for the primary side and for example Greater Manchester West Mental Health Trust was lacking in resources.

At Prestwich the delivery of training was undertaken via cognitive therapy. Mr Bucknall highlighted that HM Government had indicated

that no new monies would be available for cold starters in this field but of course Greater Manchester West Mental Health Trust had made considerable progress already.

The meeting was further informed that in terms of personality disorders, there was no right way in terms of treatment. The plan was to devise a pathway through links and so care was co-ordinated. A sub group of the Quality Account was to look at this.

In conclusion Mr Buchnall highlighted that the psychological element was well embedded into the three specialist services in the Greater Manchester West Mental Health Trust.

Furthermore, monitoring of the progress was undertaken via the Governance Committee for the Quality Account.

Members in their discussions referred to –

- Funding from HM Government and future arrangements;
- Funding for training using non-recurrent monies;
- The motivating factors around this Quality Account priority;
- The dedicated work of the clinicians;
- The sliding scale of waiting times with a maximum 18 weeks and future targets;
- Links with GP's; and
- Efficiency pressures and service re-design.

Resolved – That Mr Bucknall be thanked for his detailed update on the progress and performance of Quality account priority one and that this Committee receives an update on the issue in twelve months time.

9. UPDATE ON ACUTE CARE PATHWAYS WITHIN GMW

The Committee received a presentation from Jayne Wright, District Services Network Manager which updated members on acute care pathways within Greater Manchester West Mental Health Trust.

By way of background information, members were advised that in terms of quality, the targets were being met and also there had been good results from the 2013 patient survey. With regard to financial matters, it was indicated that the emphasis was on the impact on partners and reducing the income base. In terms of the way forward this lay in the area of pathway re-design.

With regard to the acute pathway, it was explained to members that this was premised on reduced bed numbers and increasing the HBT and community offer.

The committee were also notified that the efficiency programme would continue for 2014/15 and again 5% savings would be expected. This

equated to £2,280,000 and the position was unlikely to change for 2015/16.

Jayne Wright went on to explain that following a benchmarking exercise it was realised that Greater Manchester West Mental Health trust had a high number of available beds. It was now planned to reduce this number by using home care and the community offer. Also, Woodlands would be developed as a centre of excellence for older people in Bolton, Salford and Trafford.

The Committee were also informed of what this could mean for inpatient services in 2014/15 and future rationalisation.

Members in their discussions referred to -

- Future increased provision at Woodlands;
- Retaining numbers of staff;
- Sufficient time for staff to treat patients at home;
- Effects of re-configuration on families eg distance and travelling to services;
- The consultation period to follow and how this should be undertaken;
- Continuity of home care;
- If admission was needed it would happen; and
- Liaison with family members on care needed for relatives.

Resolved – That Jayne Wright be thanked for her informative presentation detailing the way forward on acute pathways and that an update be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved - That the following items be included on the agenda for the next Meeting, viz –

- (i) The way the Police view mental health issues; and
- (ii) The Quality Account priority relating to the Recovery Base.

(The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.30 am)