

Patient and Client Council

Your voice in health and social care

Notes of the Bamford Monitoring Group Meeting Friday 5 May 2017, BCM, Grosvenor House, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast



Members at the meeting:

John McKee, Carer

Justin Greenwood, Service User

Francis McKenna, Service User

Ursula Campbell, Service User

Paul McFall, Service User

May McCann, Carer

Present:

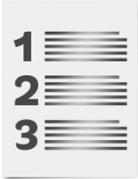
Maeve Hully, Patient and Client Council

Jackie McNeill, Patient and Client Council

Briege McAlister, Patient and Client Council

Nigel Warburton, Patient and Client Council

Gerard McWilliams, Patient and Client Council

Item	Welcome and Introduction	Action
	<p>John chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
Item	Apologies	Action
<p>apologies</p> 	<p>Brian Sinnamon, Carer, Jean Hale, Service User, Catherine McGroggan, Service User and Iolo Eilian and Eithne Darragh, HSC Board.</p>	
Item	Notes of the last meeting	Action
	<p>The notes were approved.</p>	
Item	Matters Arising	Action
	<p>Follow up with Trusts re: suitable provision for mental health patients being discharged from hospital for convalescence into residential/nursing homes – Jackie updated the members that she spoke to Bryce McMurray, Acting Director of Mental Health and Learning Disability, Southern Trust. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryce felt that since the Memory service (a service for people with Dementia) was 	

	<p>moved from older peoples' services into Mental Health, the SHSCT have had a higher number of people to treat and this may impact on the overall figures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SHSCT are struggling to find appropriate supported living accommodation for patients being discharged from acute mental health hospitals.• The SHSCT have no other suitable beds over and above the acute beds.• The Trust had a business case in for 10 beds in Dungannon but the Housing Exe say they have no money to progress this.• The SHSCT are struggling to introduce 3 news beds in Newry for short term respite and are working hard to meet the RQIA standards.• There are no new schemes within the Housing Executive to provide any supported housing accommodation.• Mr McMurray felt that if the Housing Executive can't supply the appropriate accommodation for young	
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	<p>people then a new model needs to be looked at regionally to resolve this issue. Jackie explained that the BMG are hoping to meet reps from the Housing Executive in the near future and will raise this matter.</p> <p>Francis thinks that this issue needs to be kept on the BMG Agenda, especially if it is to be discussed regionally, as this would entail a business case and could take a long time for anything to emerge.</p> <p>May informed the meeting that Justin and she sit on the group that is responsible for resettlement and a person from the Housing Executive attended the last meeting. May said that all of the Trusts were saying the same as Bryce. This is a really big problem. The Housing Executive and Department for Communities are in favour of moving to Floating Support which of course does not deal with seriously chronic people who need accommodation.</p>	
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	<p>May continued that she thinks this is an enormous problem and suggests getting all the points down on one page and presenting it to the Department, or the Health Committee to get our voice heard on these matters.</p> <p>Jackie asked what members want this briefing paper to include.</p> <p>May responded that the paper should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Supporting housing cannot keep its staff – they are going to offer a £500 bonus if anyone stays up to a year. <p>Francis asked what does the Health Care Trusts across the water do – where do they discharge patients to, what are their procedures, do they use Nursing Homes?</p> <p>John said he thinks that NI is similar to everywhere in the UK - they are strapped for money. May recalled the presentation from the WHSCT on this topic and they have a model in the West that would be maybe worth sharing with the other Trusts.</p>	
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	<p>Paul replied that in England they have crisis houses and step down facilities.</p> <p>Paul also raised the issue about RQIA not checking the nursing homes for mental health status – people with mental health needs are discharged out to nursing homes that do not have proper mental health status. RQIA staff need to be seeing these as a mental health facility not just as a nursing home.</p> <p>Maeve said if you do this are you in danger of having a solution where you are making, something fit something else, instead of saying mental health and learning disability need their own facility?</p> <p>Paul replied that some of the homes say they facilitate Mental Health, they only have three staff on and have twelve patients with mental health problems and one staff might be a nurse and trained in mental health. Paul has raised this collectively since 2009.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite RQIA to a BMG meeting and the briefing</p>	<p><i>Jackie</i></p>
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	<p>paper would be shared in advance of the meeting so they can respond to the specific issues.</p> <p>Paul said that we are still sitting with 46% bed blocking of mental health patients in acute units as there is nowhere for them to be discharged to.</p> <p>May said we have to keep raising the need, even if we know there is no money.</p> <p>John said that some of the Charities provide residential accommodation for people with Learning disabilities and this is greatly supported by the different Trusts as such.</p> <p>Paul replied that Inspire are opening a new facility in University Street for forensic patients. Paul continued that Inspire have fantastic places, Hollywood Road, Knockbracken, etc but again there are waiting lists for all these facilities.</p> <p>May suggested asking the Research Staff of the PCC to look up RQIA findings and try and</p>	
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	<p>establish what is going on in each Trust re; learning disability and mental health, supporting living, what services they have, do they have waiting lists, etc</p> <p>It was agreed to set up a steering group to pull the paper together and the following members agreed to sit on this, May, Justin, Ursula and John. Jackie to collate points raised at today's meeting.</p> <p>Public Transport – Smart Travel Passes –Nigel is still following this up with the Equality Commission.</p> <p>Paul asked have we contacted Translink and asked for their policy on learning disability and why is mental health not classed as the same? John replied that he has followed this up. It comes under the Section 75 of the Disability Discrimination Act.</p> <p>It was agreed to write to Translink regarding this issue.</p> <p>Maeve said that with the election coming up it might be a good time to raise these issues with the politicians. Jackie to speak to</p>	<p><i>Research PCC/Jackie</i></p> <p><i>Nigel</i></p> <p><i>Jackie</i></p>
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	them to a BMG meeting to provide an update on this work.	
Item	Updates from Commissioning Team/Programme Board	Action
	<p>John and Paul attended this meeting. Paul gave feedback and said they were given the new structures and he thought that Eithne Darragh was attending today's meeting to go through this. Jackie explained this was the first she had heard of this. Eithne was to attend today instead of Iolo and she had sent her apology.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite Eithne to the June meeting to discuss the new structures.</p> <p>Paul also informed the meeting that under the new structures that commissioning services will be going to each Trust and will be overseen by the Department.</p> <p>John said there are changes within the Service Team and informed the meeting that Kevin Keenan is retiring at the end of June and Rodney Morton is moving to the Department as</p>	<p><i>Jackie</i></p>

	<p>Deputy Chief Nursing Officer. Paul said that with commissioning services moving to the Trusts we need to make sure that service users and carers are involved in the decision making processes in their Trust areas. This has already started in the Belfast Trust.</p> <p>May asked Paul did they mention the Managed Care Network at the meeting. Paul replied that he did not hear it mentioned.</p> <p>Francis asked if the Local Commissioning Groups will continue under the new structures as he felt that mental health was not featured much in their discussions. Paul replied that he did not know where they stand as the HSC Board is going.</p>	
Item	Project Updates	Action
	<p>2016/2017 Projects</p> <p>Mental Health Future Planning Project – Jackie emailed Briege Quinn following the update from the last BMG meeting asking for a formal response to the submitted business case. Jackie shared Briege’s response with the group,</p>	

	<p>which stated: 1)that the PCC need to explore this project further to ascertain what proportion within mental health would require this, 2) whether the recovery college network could fulfil this role or 3)whether the PCC could fund the exercise.</p> <p>Maeve responded that the PCC do not have the money to fund this project themselves.</p> <p>Maeve suggested taking the project to the voluntary sector and see if we can get funding there.</p> <p>Jackie replied that she was aware that CAUSE had done some initial work on future planning and suggested talking to them. Nigel is to check out what CAUSE have online regarding future planning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2017/18 Projects</p> <p>Mental Health Care pathway – The Department gave the PCC a number of particular projects for their Business Plan - the Mental Health Care Pathway is one of them. Jackie is still waiting to hear from the Department after</p>	<p><i>Nigel</i></p>
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	<p>the initial meeting.</p> <p>HSC Experience for people with a learning disability and a mental health problem – Nigel is leading on this project and he informed members that the event will be held on Thursday 29 June in Grosvenor House, Belfast.</p> <p>Nigel thanked the members who attended the steering group meeting and helped shape the programme for the event.</p> <p>Nigel asked members for a name for the event. At the steering group meeting, people fed back that there is no real mental health awareness training. The PCC are thinking of having a speaker at the event who can talk on this subject.</p> <p>Francis said he was talking to a clinical psychologist who is responsible for Learning Disability in the Northern Trust and suggested that Nigel make contact to discuss the possibility of speaking at the event.</p> <p>Nigel also informed the group</p>	<p><i>BMG Members</i></p> <p><i>Nigel</i></p>
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	<p>that through his conversations with Positive Futures they have suggested a speaker – a trainer from Inspire who has trained some of Positive Futures staff on delivering WRAP.</p> <p>Nigel said that Positive Futures also suggested that people have their support workers with them at the event – this is to be highlighted on the invitation.</p> <p>Nigel had also spoken to Barnardos and they have a Peer Support programme and have six young people trained who would possibly be keen to participate in the event.</p> <p>Paul asked have Positive Futures got any staff of their own who delivers the WRAP programme? Nigel to follow this up.</p> <p>Jackie talked through the draft programme for the event: Registration Event start Official Opening Personal Story (Jean Hale, BMG member) Speaker</p>	<p><i>Nigel</i></p> <p><i>Nigel</i></p>
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	<p>Lunch Visit Information Stands Drama Piece (speaking up for yourself) Engagement Exercise Close</p> <p>The drama piece could possibly be done in-house by the PPI Team.</p> <p>Maeve said there are lots of groups who do this, TILII, Lilliput Theatre Company, etc.</p> <p>Nigel said that in his experience you need to have these groups booked well in advance, six to twelve months and there would be a cost involved.</p> <p>Jackie said that perhaps some of the BMG members could get involved too?</p> <p>Francis said that Queen's University use creative arts for this, Michelle Kavanagh would be able to inform who they use. Nigel to contact Michelle regarding this.</p> <p>Maeve thinks it would be nice to</p>	<p><i>Nigel</i></p>
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	<p>do something with the people who are attending the event in a creative way, not just writing on flipcharts.</p> <p>John suggested that we ask the three lead charities to provide a five minute drama piece on the specific issues and convey this in their own way.</p> <p>Nigel is to contact some of the Theatre Groups that have delivered presentations to learning disability groups to see if they can provide a drama piece for the event.</p> <p>Nigel informed the meeting that the steering group thought it would be good for social work team leaders to attend the event and an email has been sent to the Trust Directors asking if this would be possible.</p> <p>Nigel said that Positive Futures suggested it would be good to provide information on the hospital passport –this is being launched on 9 May.</p> <p>Justin suggested inviting some of</p>	<p><i>Nigel</i></p> <p><i>Nigel</i></p>
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	<p>the private charities that provide activities for people with learning disabilities to have an information stand at the event.</p> <p>Jackie asked members to forward any contacts to herself or Briege.</p> <p>Nigel will continue to work with Jackie on this event and will keep members informed.</p>	<p>BMG Members</p>
<p>Item</p>	<p>Correspondence and Events</p>	<p>Action</p>
	<p>PPI/Co-Production Meeting, Castle Buildings, 16 May 2017 (am) - Jackie informed the meeting that she received an email from Embolden inviting reps to attend this meeting. Jackie said this meeting has now been postponed until September.</p> <p>NICVA and ADRC-NI – Data Workshop on Mental Health – 11 May 2017 9.30am-12noon – Justin cannot attend this. Briege to email this to members not present at the meeting and if they are interested they can book directly with NICVA.</p>	<p>Briege</p>

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<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Una Cushnahan, HSC Board – (attending September meeting to provide update on work with Health Care Facilitators) • Summer Meetings – it was agreed that no meetings will take place in July and August unless there was an urgent matter to be discussed. • Mental Capacity Act Newsletter –this was circulated to members present and Briege will email to members not present at today’s meeting. 	<p><i>Briege</i></p>
Item	Next Meeting	
	<p>Friday 2 June 2017 at 11:00am, BCM, Grosvenor House, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast, BT12 5AD.</p>	

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