

Note from the Meeting of the Section 26 Advisory Group held on 22 August 2006

Present

Peter Bates, Simon Bradstreet, Dennis McLafferty, Stuart Lennox, Kevin Hurst, Pat Little, Ann Connor, Isabella Goldie, Sandra Grant, Ellen Hair, Linda Reid

1 Apologies

Adrian McLaughlin, Annabel Sinclair, Chris Sutton, Robert Davidson, Ian Fisk, Margaret Christie, Lauren Murdoch, Pippa Coutts, Robbie Campbell

2 Note of Meeting of 2 May 2006

Agreed

3 Guidance for LA Update

The SE had been policy proofing the document and those who had seen it thought it was more succinct and would have more impact with LAs

Agreed to circulate but it was not the final version. (Actioned / Copy will be circulated to the group that is sent to the printers)

Linda had circulated a briefing to the group, which had been prepared and sent to SOLACE members and would feature as an agenda item at their meeting in late August. The secretary to SOLACE had recognised the issue as one of significance for LAs.

A discussion took place to ensure that the proposed print run of 2 000 was acceptable. It was agreed that as long as there was a PDF available this would be enough.

Linda explained that the toolkits would be laid out in coloured blocks and that the toolkits would also be included as separate sheets in a pocket at the back of the document.

There was considerable discussion about it being launched, publicised and reviewed.

(Subsequent to the meeting Linda was able to engage with CoSLA and they have agreed to endorse it. So a letter will be sent by Geoff Huggins of the MHD endorsed by CoSLA with the guidance to every LA.

CoSLA found it a very helpful document and felt that they could use the toolkits in the work of their different policy sections to help LAs think about the MH&W and recovery agenda. It is unclear if there will be any reference to it in the MHD Plan but if themed reviews of MH take place it would be an area to be examined. It will also be sent out through CPP Coordinators to have maximum impact on CPPs)

4 Conference for OTs

It was explained that following the recall day Gill Urquhart and Andrew Melville, who chairs the Head OTs group, worked with others to propose an OT conference, about Sections 25-31 and the role of OTs.

This is taking place on 1 September, the agenda had been shared with the group.

(It took place and over 90 OTs from across Scotland attended. Whilst for many they felt that there was nothing fundamentally new in what was being said, it seemed to energise them, give them a language to work with others in the MH system and invigorate their drive to help people to become more active and self directed, as well as included. They have suggested that they hold an event next year to show case their progress, developments and effectiveness with this agenda. We also discovered that there is no workforce data on MH and LD OTs and some work will be taking place to rectify this. They, like SW, are a small workforce in the mental health world and they began to acknowledge that they had a role in working to influence the way others might be working, especially those less focused on recovery)

5 Residential Workshop for Nurse Leaders

At Robert Davidson's invitation Linda and Peter had attended a nursing leader's forum and discussed our agenda. Those present had been enthusiastic and a residential workshop for 30 Nurse Leaders was arranged

Only 8 applications had been received 10 days before the event so it was postponed

(In fact in spite of the invitations being resent through another 5 routes to nurses the applications for the second event remained low. It has now been offered out with nursing and we are expecting all the places to be taken. Some have said that this does illustrate how hard it is for many nurses to be freed off, especially from ward work, for training.)

6 Service User Workshops

Work was to continue on planning these. Every-one present agreed to help with the distribution of material to service users.

Suggestions were made of service users to chair Trish Burnet, Joyce Mouriki and Jen Muir (who all agreed)

(3 events are now organised in Glasgow on 4th October, in Dundee on 2nd November and in Edinburgh on 5th November. Early signs are encouraging and we have uncovered many other non service users who want to learn more about Sections 25-31. We will see how these proceed and then decide if there are other ways to engage service users and others with this agenda.

Mary Weir from NSF is also eager to hold an event for carers and that is under discussion.)

7 Section 26 Website

Due to pressure of work there had been no progress on this

(Work has now taken place and there will shortly be information on two websites both www.wellscotland and on the MHD policy website, further details when they go live)

8 Measurement of Progress and ROPI

Simon explained how the MH Nursing review had recommended a tool to measure recovery by 2007. Every-one was examining existing tools but many were inordinately long and complex.

ROPI had been found through contacts in New York and seemed to be much more what we were seeking although it would need a lot of cultural amendments.

It appeared that it was fundamentally about recovery and inclusion. It could be used at team or project level but might be able to help with whole systems. It had been piloted in 15 services including a clubhouse.

The group discussed it and there was general agreement that it seemed to have considerable merit.

The MH Delivery Plan group were interested in it being used to assist in examining recovery, inclusion, equality and rights in the system.

Simon and Linda were to work with others to see if it could be adapted for use in Scotland.

Kevin Hurst agreed to be an ADSW/LA rep on the group.

(Unfortunately due to clashing dates Kevin cannot attend the first meeting so Dennis McLafferty will substitute. In the meantime Kevin is sharing some assessment work by service users in West Lothian with Simon).

9 AOCB

Pat Little reminded the group that he still wanted good practice examples of inclusion practice for the EU Project

10 Future Meetings

It was agreed to meet in 6 months time with Linda providing bi-monthly updates of progress.

Next Meeting 10 30- 14 30 6 February 2007 Conference Rooms C&D St Andrew's House, 2 Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3 DG