

Kent Service User and Carer Support Network



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Local Planning & Monitoring Group South 8th May 2009 Venue Kingswood Community Centre

Present:

LH	Sevenoaks Area Mind
GF	Platform
RDP	Maidstone Carers Project
GB	“ “ “
YL	“ “ “
MB	“ “ “
CB	KMPT
A C	Maidstone Mind Resident
M M	Maidstone Mind
G A	Maidstone Mind Service user
RB	Service User/Carer Platform
NB	Platform
MS	Kingswood CMHC
PJ	MCP
SF	Service User Platform
JO	KMPT
MC	Maidstone Mind
JJ	NHS West Kent Mental Health
PA	Commissioning Manager
SHS	KMPT

Apologies: SI

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action
<p>1. Minutes of last meeting – All correct.</p> <p>2. Matters Arising – E H has now joined the team and will be invited to an LPMG meeting. S D has now replaced G M – she will be invited to an LPMG Action J to invite.</p>	<p>J</p>

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<p>Action J to send figures from MCCH to SF – J</p> <p>3. Moving People – M C</p> <p>A presentation from M with a handout circulated explaining this initiative and the findings.</p> <p>4. Progress of people accessing mental health services related to direct payments. A question about how this is progressing. J spoke of the PCT having performance monitoring and management of direct payments. It is currently low in numbers due to a number of reasons such as understanding and process. PCT looking at doing some workshops to engage service users and carers. Discussion about access and M C a service user gave an example of some of the difficulties in accessing direct payments.</p> <p>It was agreed that someone would be invited to this meeting to explain Direct Payments. Action J Community mental health team at Kingswood said they are having some success with on off payments.</p> <p>5. Moving in Fund.</p> <p>Maggie spoke of how the fund was set up and its purpose. There has been a meeting with L A who is going to do some research in Priority House. The document fits in with the national service framework. Service Users would like the document to go to the JCB. It has already been presented to the Board and it was suggested there should be further work completed before it can be looked at again. Jason spoke of the social care strategy and their funding; they are now cutting down on the process of application to avoid delay in getting approval. Jason also mentioned S S Supporting People and Housing Lead for KCC said they have commissioned more supported housing and independent living. Action J to invite S S to this meeting. R said you can go to benefits office and get a loan but you clearly have to pay it back. P mentioned about the difficulties in accessing funds from the benefit office for cookers and washing machines etc.</p>	<p>J</p> <p>J</p> <p>J</p>
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more development.

IAPT – contract is now out to tender to provide this new IAPT service however there is already the pilot running in Maidstone. There are also employment advisors working with IAPT therapists and GPs.

8. Any Other Business

Saturday 4th July there is an art exhibition to be held in the gallery in County Hall for 3 weeks– people need to get their art application entry form in by 6th June. All the information is available on the web site WWW.artunitingpeopleexhibition.

Mind the gap- Maidstone Mind have teamed up with TGU, United response John Street to make tablecloths in the theme of “we have all got a place at the table”. M will keep us updated.

Deaf people with a mental health problem have had difficulties in accessing local services. KCC have re-negotiated the contract and people can now access sign language services in Kingswood once a fortnight. The response report from the PCT about the Listening Exercise will be finished by next week and circulated for comments.

Date of Next Meeting Friday 7 August, 10.30 to 12.30 at Kingswood Community Centre, Union Street Maidstone.

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