

COUNTY DURHAM LINK

Access to Psychological Therapies -notes from meeting 5

24 March 2010 Chester Le St

LINK MEMBERS ATTENDING

Pamela Spurrell, Joan Storey, Steve Day, John Hudson, Mike English, George Porter

Visiting Speaker: Brian Key North East Director of Commissioning Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Offender Health

Liz Greer, Facilitating

APOLOGIES

Gerben Andriesson

	ACTION
1. Welcome & apologies	
2. Notes & updates from the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other LINKs in the region are not prioritising Access to Psychological Therapies at this point but Liz has offered to update Darlington LINK as part of our close working arrangements with them• Mike updated the Group on the work of the TEWV Governance Group for Psychological Therapies of which he is now a member on behalf of the County-wide Forum. Mike will update us on progress at future meetings	Liz Mike
3. Nominations to IAPT Steering Group –Liz reported that the LINK management group were happy for a process to be agreed by the Working Group. We discussed several options for this and the consensus was that we would draw names of out of a hat; first name out was Ben Andriesson who will be the main rep to the Group. Discussion followed on who would be reserve in case of illness or other absence. Pam withdrew her expression of interest & Mike happy to be reserve. Liz to set up briefing meetings for both reps in advance of the Steering Group meeting	Ben, Mike, Liz.
4. Liz provided an update on her further discussions with County Durham Council about the bus pass issue. CDC as in the process of centralising their system which was previously administered at district level so it is unlikely any statistical data will be available in the short-medium term however the manager welcomed input and feedback from the LINK on improving their systems once they are integrated. Agreed we need to raise again with the County-wide Forum to establish what their issues were in relation to this & that we'd keep it under review.	Liz

<p>5. Invited speaker: Brian Key</p> <p>Brian circulated a paper outlining NHS County Durham's Strategic Framework for Mental Health which includes a 'stepped' model of care and emphasises the importance of investment in interventions which have a strong evidence base. There will also be investment in social prescribing [topic of our next meeting] and recognition that under personalised models it is <i>service users</i> who will be the commissioners of their own services. Brian's Project Managers for the strategy have service user & carer involvement in their commissioning sub-group. Liz to get more info about this in follow-up call to Brian.</p> <p>We discussed how the LINK could raise its profile and play a more pro-active role in commissioning processes. Brian pointed out that commissioning decisions need to be made by those accountable for the money however adjustments could be made to involve LINKs more proactively in other commissioning processes.</p> <p>Group agreed that the Strategic Framework for Mental Health would be an agenda item for a future meeting.</p>	<p>Liz</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Liz</p>
<p>6. Date & time of next meeting – 20 May 2010 PCP Newton Aycliffe 2-4pm</p> <p>The invited speaker will be Catherine Parker who is the Public Health Portfolio Lead which includes social prescribing</p>	

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