Mental Health sub-group

Chair: Gillian Mills, Integrated Care Director (Barking and Dagenham), NELFT

Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board

(a) None to note.

Performance

Please note that no performance targets have been agreed as yet.

Meeting Attendance

16 April, 2014: 60% (9 of 15)

Action(s) since last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board

- (a) The Terms of Reference and membership of the group were reviewed. The issue of NHS England representation on the Group has been resolved. John Atherton will act as the point of contact for the Group and organise attendance of relevant NHS England expert colleagues.
- (b) Sub-group discussion regarding voluntary sector and service user membership of the group. Agreed to add 'Engagement Strategy' as a duty and responsibility to the Terms of Reference.
- (c) The Group made initial comments on a paper which had been circulated in respect of the Mental Health Needs Assessment undertaken in September 2013. Agreement that further work is required to undertake epidemiological assessment of mental health and wellbeing of the B&D population. LBBD Public Health leading on commissioning a 4 month project. Interim and final report will be presented to the MH Sub-Group, and will inform future service commissioning intentions and service improvement.
- (d) The group considered the 25 areas noted within the DH document 'Closing the Gap: Priorities for essential change in mental health' published in January 2015. Agreement that service commissioners and providers should undertake benchmarking audit to establish where organisations are against the recommendations.

Action and Priorities for the coming period

(a) On behalf of the Board, the sub-group agreed to take forward the recommendations of the Health and Adult Services Select Committee's scrutiny review on the impact of the recession and welfare reforms on people's mental wellbeing. An action plan is being developed for review at the June sub group meeting and to provide a report to the July Board meeting.

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