



South West Acute Inpatient & Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Network Update

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Welcome to the seventh update on 'Acute Care' developments from both a National and Regional perspective

Regional Acute Care Network Update

Next South West Acute Network Event



'Taking Forward the Acute Care Declaration'

Tuesday 27th April 2010, 09.30 - 16.00 Hours

Taunton Rugby Club, Taunton

The Acute Care Declaration provides a set of high level core values and principles upon which to base, develop and sustain high quality acute service development. It aims *"to ensure that people with mental health problems, who are acutely ill, receive the services they need at the time of their greatest vulnerability."* The declaration is built around a commitment from both service providers and those who purchase services to work together with service users and carers towards an over arching aim of commissioning and providing timely high quality service provision throughout an individual's acute journey.

Who should attend?

The event is relevant to all involved in development and provision of acute services, from local acute care forum members, service users and carers, commissioners and clinical staff who provide care and treatment across the South West

Key themes covered during the day:

- To consider how service providers can build upon and enhance service provision across the acute pathway
- Explore how individuals and organisations can take forward at a local level the themes set out within the Declaration

- To share and learn from each other and identify local actions to improve service provision within the South West

The event has a number of presentations from key stakeholder:

Agenda for Day

09.30	<i>Registration & Coffee</i>	
10.00	Welcome & Introduction to the day	Shaun Clee, CEO, 2gether NHS Foundation Trust (AM Chair)
10.10	"Why are we here?"	Hannah Walker, Chair, Dorset Mental Health Forum
10.25	"What if – a carer's perspective"	Alan Worthington, Carer
10.40	Emerging Themes	Prof. Steve Onyett, Development Consultant, SWDC
11.05	"Promoting Recovery in Acute Services"	Alison Moores, John Good & Dawn Parfitt, Devon Partnership
11.45	"A breath of fresh AIR, AWP's inpatient improvement journey",	Hazel Watson AWP NHS Trust
12.25	Panel Discussion	
12.45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30	"Why the Acute Declaration is important"	Roger Browning, CEO, DHFT (PM Chair)
13.45	Solution Focused Reflective Team workshops on key themes from morning.	
15.00	Peer Coaching on your own next steps (Tea)	
15.45	Closing comments and next steps as a region,	Alan Howard, SWDC development Consultant
16.00	<i>Finish</i>	

For further information or a booking form please contact

Leeanne Caldwell on 01278 432002, Email: leeanne.caldwell@swdc.org.uk or you can download a copy of the booking form at: <http://www.its-services.org.uk/silo/files/taking-forward-the-acute-care-declaration.doc>

Please note places are limited so send your applications forms in now!

26 April 2010 RCN Congress Fringe Session on Taking Forward the Acute Care Declaration Premier Inn, Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BZ

This event is aimed at members of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) who are unable to attend the South West Development Centre Acute Care Declaration Event on the 27th April. We have organised a joint RCN & SWDC Acute Care Declaration fringe event at the RCN Congress in Bournemouth. The event will take place from 17.45pm – 18.45pm.

For further information, please contact Alan Howard, Development Consultant Acute Care, Mobile: 07876 453497.

Regional Acute Care Support and Network to continue into 2010/11

The provision of high quality adult acute care provision remains a priority within the South West. Consequently the South West Development Centre will continue to provide support for the development of acute inpatient and crisis service provision. Alan Howard will continue in his role as development Consultant one day per week and will be available to support local commissioners of acute care to enhance acute care provision and help in embedding the aspirations set out in the Acute Declaration into service provision. We intend to continue run South West quarterly events and maintain a local newsletter. With the Support of the NHS South West we will be able to continue to provide a regional focus to the development of local acute services. If you would like assistance with a particular project to improve acute service provision please, contact Alan Howard.

In addition to running the events within a central South West location we are happy for local provider trusts to host sharing of good practice events. This provides the opportunity to show case good practice from within your own trust.

If you would like to contribute to future event or share your local good practice initiatives, please contact Alan Howard SWDC Development Consultant at alan.howard@dhft.nhs.uk or on 07876 453497

How to talk to the psychotic individual interaction monograph

At good practice conference organised jointly by the mental health trusts of Cornwall, Devon and Plymouth, Professor Len Bowers from City University recently presented a research paper on how best to engage the psychotic patient. The interaction monograph is now available at: <http://citypsych.com/docs/Talking.pdf>.

Hard copies of NIMHE/CSIP/NMHDU Publications

Limited copies of the following documents are still available from the SWDC. If you would like a copy please contact the SWDC team at Mallard Court on 01278 432002. Copies are limited and are available on a first come basis.

TITLE
Strategies to Reduce Missing Patients
More Than Just Staff Numbers
Star Wards 2 The Sequel
Mental Health Assessment – 3 keys to a shared approach
From Values to Action: The Chief Nursing Officer's Review of Mental Health Nursing
A Positive Outlook
Informed Gender Practice
NPSA Seven Steps to Patient Safety in Mental Health
Green Light for Mental Health (MH Service for individuals with a learning disability)
Partnerships in the Making – Carers in Mental Health DVD
ESC Dual Diagnosis Training Resource – CD-ROM
Dual Diagnosis Executive Summary
Valuing and Support
Acute Spirituality
Getting the Medicines Right

National Acute Care Programme Update

Retirement of National Acute Leads

Yvonne Stoddart, National Acute Lead and Malcolm Rae, Joint National Acute Lead retired this April. Both Malcolm and Yvonne were instrumental in the development of the Acute Care Project and the past nine years have provided leadership and direction to ensure that Acute Care remains a national priority.

National Project to continue for six months

With the retirement of Yvonne Stoddart and Malcolm Rae, Paul Rooney will continue as Acute Lead on a part time basis for the next six months. The Acute Care programme will work with SHAs over the next 6 months to develop and embed the work around the Acute Care Declaration, launched in 2009. There will be a series of regional stakeholder events, supported by NMHDU, to promote and sustain regional and local leadership and capability in this area. Existing resources, including the [Virtual ward website](#), will continue to be available and maintained as a central resource to regional and local networks. Further details on how priorities for future action will be taken forward over the next 6 months will be put on the NMHDU website shortly.

The minutes of the March National Acute Care Project Board meeting on 10th March 2010 are available at: <http://www.swdc.org.uk/silo/files/national-acute-mental-health-project-board--minutes--10-march-2010.doc>

Acute Care Programme website (including Virtual Ward)

For an update on all that is new concerning acute care, including a national newsletter and pod cast, go to the NMHDU Acute Care Network and website, including an updated Virtual Ward website. www.acutecareprogramme.org.uk

To ensure the Website is relevant to everyday practice we are very keen to obtain further examples of good practice from you and your team which could be used to refresh the website.

If you or your teams have any positive examples you would like to share within the VW, click the link below, fill in your details, upload the document(s) and press the submit button.

http://creator.zoho.com/simonnperson/virtualward-resource-submission/form-perma/Virtualward_Resource_Submissions/

It's as easy as that!

We can then process it for display on the website

I would be grateful if you could circulate this to all your teams and retain this link for any future postings you may have as we wish to maintain a constant supply of fresh examples – which I know is out there in the South West!

Dual diagnosis

The work of the national dual diagnosis programme has concluded and the lead responsibility on developing dual diagnosis strategies and improvements has been transferred to SHAs and locally to service commissioners and providers. The wealth of guidance and good practice built up over the last 5 years, including guidance on developing a capable dual diagnosis strategy regionally and locally, will continue to be available on the NMH DU website (<http://www.nmhd.org.uk>) and on the Progress dual diagnosis (<http://www.dualdiagnosis.co.uk/>) website.

Publications due in coming months

“Acute Integrated Pathways”

Due out shortly, “Acute Integrated Pathways” will be available in a booklet. The publication aims to help trusts develop integrated acute care pathways based on evidence based steps; and assist PCT Commissioners in identifying what could be expected at each stage of an acute pathway.

‘Web Based ‘Pocket Guide for the Management of Dual Diagnosis across the Acute Pathway@

This is a collaborative project being undertaken jointly by PROGRESS (National Consortium of Consultant Nurses in Dual Diagnosis and Substance Use) and Acute Care Nurse Consultants. We aim to produce an easy to read and use, clinically relevant pocket guide to managing key aspects of ‘dual diagnosis’ (mental ill health and substance use) in acute psychiatric care settings. The guide aims to promote good practice by directly linking information about best evidence dual diagnosis interventions to stages on the Acute Care pathway with the aim of embedding what is often perceived as specialist work into routine clinical practice

The ‘pocket guide’ will be relevant across all types of acute mental health setting: crisis resolution, home treatment and inpatient settings, it is aimed at all staff working across the acute care pathway and will be distributed via the National Acute Care Programme, South West Development Centre and PROGRESS websites and through the work of individual members of PROGRESS and the Acute Care Nurse Consultants group and negotiations are taking place to link with other for a and relevant practice based websites.

‘Triangle of Care’ – carer publication

Local Carer representative Alan Worthington has prepared guidance for health professions, details of this publication will be available in the next newsletter.

This news letter was prepared by Alan Howard. **Please contribute your examples of local of Good Practice for the next newsletter.** If you would like to contribute or promote a local good practice initiative please e-mail Alan Howard Nurse Consultant & SW Acute Development Consultant at alan.howard@dhft.nhs.uk or alternatively check out our new interactive South West Development Centre website at <http://www.swdc.org.uk>