



CSIP SW Acute Inpatient & Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Network Update

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Welcome to the second short update on 'Acute Care' developments from both the National and Regional perspective.

CSIP SW Changes

Alan Howard will work two days per week as CSIP Acute Lead with additional support from Chris Ellis, who provides expert input on CRHT. Unfortunately, Robert Humphrey who has provided support to Cornwall, Devon and Plymouth will no longer continue in his CSIP role. I would like to thank Robert for all his hard work and support over the past five years, and I look forward to meeting Robert at future Network events.

CSIP SW is funded by the Department of Health, SW Strategic Health Authority and Government Office of the South West. The Acute Team (Mental Health Cluster) will focus upon supporting MH Trusts as they respond to the HCC acute review. We also intend to focus upon fidelity to the model for Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment services in the South West. More details of our work stream will be available in our next update.

Finally, CSIP SW has adopted a Mental Health Cluster model that incorporates Acute Care. The team consists of Carrie Morgan, Steve Onyett, Mark Norman, Chris Ellis and Alan Howard.

Healthcare Commission Adult Mental Health Service Improvement Review 2007

It is anticipated that MH Trusts should have received their final score from the review by May. The final national scores will be made public with the publication of the National Report later in the summer. Meantime the CSIP Acute Network organised a regional sharing of good practice event on 24 April 2008 in Taunton Vale Sports Club, Taunton.

The event will provided an opportunity to discuss the recent service improvement review and share learning from the process. Speakers included the HealthCare Commission discussing themes relevant to the SW from the review and Stephen Thorpe from the SHA discussing the next steps within the region. In addition, Bill Peachan, CSIP East Midlands, provided an update on a National Acute project to develop an acute pathway.

Presentations & notes from meeting are available from <http://kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=102099&grp=1>

Star Wards II

Star Wards II will be launched on 20th May 2008, and copies will be sent out to every acute unit/ward in the South West. A 2nd Star Wards Momentum Event is planned for the 2 September 2008 in London (further details to follow).

Management of Violence

The long awaited definitive guidance of the therapeutic management of violence is finally ready to go to print, watch this space! In addition the Department of Health have agreed funding for the accreditation of national training and the new scheme should commence in April 2008.

The National Audit Office Crisis Resolution & home Treatment Value For Money Report

The report was published in December 07, electronic copies can be downloaded from:
<http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/naoreports/07-08/07085.pdf>

Laying the Foundations DH Estates Briefing Note

Guidance on the development of new Mental Health Inpatient facilities will be published in May/June 2008.

Self Injury: A Recovery & Evidence Based Tool Kit

Bolton, Salford & Trafford NHS Trust have produced an excellent Self Injury Tool Kit that provides guidance on the assessment, care & treatment of people who self injure. It is available at:
<http://www.southwest.csip.org.uk/silo/files/self-injury-toolkit-2008.doc>

Update on New Ways of Working Acute Care National Sub-Group

Final Guidance on Inpatient skill mix will hopefully be published this May/June. Don't expect a statement of minimum staffing levels the booklet aims to provide guidance on the skill mix of new teams to meet local need. It will complement the existing NWW and Creating Capable Teams approaches.

If you wish to review your skill mix you may consider using the Acute Capacity Calculator Tool Kit. The Toolkit assists in the development of a skill mix based on data collected on ward activity. If you are interested in this project you will need to contact Alan Howard or Mark Norman at CSIP SW to discuss the implementation of this. Please note the toolkit can be initially time consuming and Trust level support in addition CSIP specialist support is essential in its application.

Partnership in the Making Carers in Mental Health Training Workbook & DVD

CSIP SW have funded the development a workbook & DVD for acute inpatient staff. Watch this space for further information on it's availability.

Virtual Ward

If you would like examples of good practice and National Policy documents please visit the Acute Good Practice Website on <http://www.virtualward.org.uk> .

Next Acute Network Meeting 8th July

The next Network will take place on the 8th July and we hope to look at systems or ways of working that have reduced the time spent on paperwork or in meetings. If you would like to contribute please contact Chris, Alan or Steve.

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