

Janice and Finlay will be attending the HOSC meeting, and if possible one PCT Chief Executive and a mental health commissioner to also attend.

2. Review of the Partnership Board Report

A report of the review of the Partnership Board had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Richard commented that a lot had been achieved by the Partnership Board and reaffirmed the commitment for it to continue.

3. Proposals for the future role of the Partnership Board

A paper prepared by Richard and Marie, setting out the proposals for the future role of the Partnership Board had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. A discussion took place and the comments are bullet pointed as follows:

- The development of a commissioning process was required, possibly with a lead PCT. Margaret Lishman was in attendance and described a number of options, detailed in a paper circulated prior to the meeting, which are being considered by the PCT Chief Executives at their next meeting. Concern was expressed that the discussions should include social care commissioners, since an integrated approach was required. Margaret agreed to feed this comment back to the PCT Chief Executives meeting.

Action: Margaret

- The Board is an important step towards shifting the balance of control away from the NHS and local authorities towards service users and carers. Service users and carers have not quite found their voice, it's improved but this needs to be developed. This is a safe place to have conversations about the vision for mental health.
- There is a critical role for a programme board to be developed. In respect of a strategic outline case there should be a sub board of the programme board to look at the wider aspects of housing
- The consultation has ended but we must keep up engagement and momentum towards the strategic vision.
- We are on the verge of having joint integrated commissioners. This board has lacked involvement around commissioning. I would like to see a commissioning group with this board above. The Board should act as 'custodians', but recognising that commissioners are accountable to their respective organisations.
- Third sector representation should be included.
- Future Partnership Board meetings should be every two months rather than quarterly, as suggested; otherwise service user and carer members will miss out on key communications.
- Service user and carers need to be given clear information as to who they can go to in each organisation for information.

ACTION: Project Team

Stephen Sloss and Janice agreed to redraft the role and function paper as agreed and collate final comments for final approval at the next meeting.

ACTION: Stephen Sloss and Janice

This led to a discussion about potential work streams and the need to develop a first class mental health service with a focus on well-being. Richard asked Janice to look at possible future work streams and Judith agreed to meet with Janice to help with this. Richard invited the service user and carer members to meet with Janice and Judith to look at the options.

ACTION: Janice Horrocks

Richard advised that the Partnership Board organisations support the Project Teams budget of £180,000 and that current employment contracts were due to end in June 2007. Following a discussion Richard confirmed that the Partnership Board would continue the support of the Project Team for a further year to July 2008.

4. Older People’s Mental Health Development Group recommendations

It was agreed that the Older People’s Mental Health Development Group recommendations would be deferred to the next Partnership Board meeting in February.

It was agreed that item 5, Finlay Robertson’s presentation would be moved after item 6 because some members had seen the presentation previously and needed to leave the meeting.

6. Any other business

- Helen Bingley advised that the Brookside Capital Scheme was provisionally going forward, but had not yet been fully approved by Central Lancashire PCT.
- Finlay advised of a request he had received from Daniel Cavallo, in his role as a member of GEM (Giving Experience Meaning Voluntary Group), for financial assistance to help keep their project going. It was agreed that the Project team would provide information to assist GEM in developing their business case.

Action: Project team

5. Lancashire Care NHS Trust (LCT) Foundation Trust presentation by Finlay Robertson

Finlay gave a presentation (attached) to members in respect of LCT’s application for foundation trust status. He advised that LCT had already begun a public consultation on how the new foundation trust should be set up. Finlay tabled copies of LCT’s consultation document to members for their information and encouraged members to submit comments.

Date of time of next meeting, Friday, 23rd January 2007 at 1.30pm-3.30pm in the Boardroom at Central Lancashire PCT, Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Centurion Way, Leyland.

NB: Future LPB meeting dates for 2007 as attached.