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National Prisoner Healthcare Network
Brain Injury and Offending
Date  11 September 2015 | 14.00-16.30
Venue Healthcare Improvement Scotland, Delta House, Glasgow

Present

Tom McMillan (TM) (Chair)  University of Glasgow and NHS GGC
Brian O’Neill (BO)  Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust
Mark Ramm (MR)  Scottish Group of Forensic Clinical Psychologists
Andrew Allan (AA)  Police Scotland
Emma Drysdale (ED)  Division of Clinical Psychology – Scotland
Claire Hastie (CH)  National Prisoner Healthcare Network (Minutes)
Ruth Parker (RP)  Scottish Prison Service
Andrew Wells (AW)  Royal College of Psychiatrists

Apologies

Gaille Gray  Headway Scotland
Darline Reekie  HMP/YOI Polmont
Lesley Graham  National Services Scotland
Fiona Summers  NHS Grampian
Ruth Stocks  Medium Secure Group
Steve Jenkins  Criminal Justice Leader, Glasgow
John Porter  National Prisoner Healthcare Network
Suzanne O’Rourke  The Forensic Network
Huw Williams  University of Exeter
Alan Carson  Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Network
Jean MacFarlane  Division of Neuropsychology, Scotland

No. Item  Action

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies.

Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted.

2. Minute of previous meeting held 30th April 2015

The minute was checked for accuracy and agreed

3. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

- Huw to circulate information to the group following his meeting with the Minister for Health in France.
- John to circulate link to NES Portal to the group.
- Linking the epidemiology study to STAG may be considered at a future date due to time constraints of the report.
- Andrew A will circulate the list of questions to offenders used by police officers to the group.
- Brian to circulate the link to the study on ADHD and offending.
- The meeting of the sub-group on secure provision took place on 13th July
- Fiona to forward information on the NES Workforce Model to the group
- Fiona sought advice from the Forensic Network which has now been incorporated into the draft report.

H.Williams  J.Porter  A.Allan  B.O’Neill  F.Summers
4. **Timetable for report**

The group agreed the report timeline for completion and consultation that was circulated.

Claire to publish the final report for consultation via the NPHN website.

Tom has advised Andreana Adamson of the agreed timeline.

5. **Discussion of draft report**

The group discussed the report section by section. Noted: to ensure that distinction is made between ‘police custody’ and ‘prison’ throughout.

**Sections 1-4** are introductory and describe methods.

**Section 5. Epidemiology and Brain Injury in Scottish Prisons**

The stages in obtaining permissions to proceed with the study took longer than expected. ISD now have the CHI numbers of those in prison on the date of the census. ISD are now linking that data to SMR01 and the Vision database to gather the clinical data requested. Tom has updated an earlier audit in NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde for use as back-up if the data from Scotland wide study cannot be collated and analysed within the timeline. The systematic review on prevalence of HI in prisons by Claire Moynan has been completed.

**Section 6. Prevention and Risk of Offending after Brain Injury**

As previously agreed, this will be covered in general terms rather than by a sub-group.

**Section 7. Brain Injury Services and Criminal Justice Service Pathways**

The pathway through the criminal justice system was discussed. It was acknowledged that there is national variation throughout the pathway. Andrew A confirmed work is ongoing to have a more consistent approach in Police Custody; this in turn may have implications on training for those areas with less sophisticated services (this is covered under the Education and Awareness section).

Group to provide feedback to Tom on the pathway to ensure consistency of terminology and everything has been covered by 9th October 2015.

**8. Current Service Provision for Offenders with ABI**

This is based on the mini surveys being carried out by the sub-group which indicate no specific service links across the country.

**9. Screening, Triage and Assessment**

It was suggested that a summary of the review of the screening tools is presented in the text and some of the current detail moved to an appendix.
10. Discussion and Recommendations

The group discussed the assessment questions.

1. Police Custody – Tom has observed Police Custody in Glasgow and has talked with custody officers and a nurse. They have indicated that an additional question about HI would be appropriate and practical during custody interview; e.g. ‘Have you had any knocks to the head in the past 48 hours?’

Andrew A will provide detailed comment to Tom on this section following the meeting.

2. Prison Reception – Discussed the addition of a question the Vision system. It was agreed to add a recommendation regarding linking the data between the different agencies across the pathway, there is currently no data sharing. Andrew A highlighted that the system is not continuous as offenders are detained then released on bail to appear at court at a later date. Sentencing can involve pre-sentence social work reports so consideration needs to be given to the disconnect between the services.

Darline and Alan C to review the vision questions on pages 16 and 17 and provide comment to Tom.

11. Criminal Justice Social Work pre-sentencing reports.

It was agreed to move this section up to sit before Discussion and Recommendations.

12. Awareness and Education of Staff who Work with Offenders

This section includes all agencies along the pathway including contractors and third sector agencies. Ruth suggested moving some of the educational materials into an appendix and adding some examples of best practice.

The group discussed the potential of having a range of different training resources to suit individual needs and preferences.

The group discussed the possibility of supporting a series of training events and encouraging relevant agencies to include training aspects to their annual events from 2016 onwards.

Ruth will discuss with the rest of the sub-group and provide comments to Tom.

13. Treatment, Support and Service Linkage

Brian suggested adding a section on link workers with a case study for HMP Preston as evidence of best practice.

The sub-group to provide further detail under Holistic Rehabilitation

The group agreed that case studies are useful and would like to see more in the report.

14. Template Pathway for offenders with Traumatic Brain Injuries

This pathway is specific to screening and triage and overlaps with the larger pathway. It was discussed that each prison will vary on their approach to the pathway, so this may not add much to the processes in place.

The group discussed adding an appendix of contact details for NHS Boards and Prison healthcare staff, it was acknowledged that this may become out of date.
15. Secure Provision for people with Brain Injury
The section was discussed without further change indicated.

6. **Any Other Business**

Tom confirmed that until the report is ready for consultation the draft is to remain confidential within the group.

**Tom will revise the current draft co-ordinate. Comments and updates are to be sent to him by 9th October**

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7. **Dates of Future Meetings**

The remainder of the work on the report will be carried out electronically.