

Update for Mental Health Action Groups : January 2016

MENTAL HEALTH PRIMARY CARE SOCIAL WORK SERVICE

Update from the County Manager, YASMIN ISHAQ

The new Primary Care Mental Health Social Work Service is now taking shape and will become fully operational from the 1st April 2016. The principles within 'No Health Without Mental Health' and the 'Five Year Forward View' of prevention, enablement and self-determination are central to the vision of the new service. Thus the service will be working co-productively with individuals, families and communities to resolve emotional distress within the context of understanding social, environmental and psychological determinants.

The social work team will be working closely with the newly appointed 3rd sector strategic partners and specialist primary care health providers to offer a broad range of innovative and collaborative services and interventions. The early response to emerging emotional and mental health difficulties will give individuals and families the opportunity to use their own strengths and assets to resolve their difficulties in a meaningful way.

As the service launches in April 2016 there will also be the opportunity to support individuals and families who no longer require secondary mental health services but still have ongoing identified social care needs within a primary care and local community environment.

We have new staff members. their names are:

Holly Warner: Started 17/12/15

Hanna Roost started 4/1/15

Eliska Bennett started 4/1/15

And Steve Bennett moving from KMPT to the primary Care team.

We are also interviewing twice more in January and hope to have the full complement of 9 social workers in post during February 2015.

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