

REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 10 January 2019

Subject: Supporting People on a Section 117 (S117) Plan

Responsible Officers: Joint Report:
Javina Sehgal , Managing Director, Harrow CCG
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Public: Yes

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All Wards

Enclosures: S117 panel Terms of Reference
S 117 Implementation Plan

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the agreed approach to supporting people placed on Section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983, requiring after hospital care health and or social care support.

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

Background - The Mental Health Act 1983, Section 117:

- Section 117 imposes an enforceable duty to provide after care service for people who have been detained under treatment section of the Mental Health Act.
- Section 117 is free standing duty which places upon CCG (depending on the nature of the service), and LA, a statutory joint duty to work together, in cooperation with relevant voluntary agencies, to provide after care services for all service users with S117 rights.
- This document sets out the process agreed between Harrow CCG, Harrow LA and Central and North West London (CNWL) to manage those in receipt of Section 117 care and support.

Current situation

People under S117 have an individual care package which is reviewed at least annually as part of their coordinated programme approach (CPA). At the CPA the individual and the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) will establish:

- Whether the individual is still eligible under the s117
- If the individual is eligible, their needs are reviewed and a plan of care agreed
- The funding of the care package is currently split 50:50 between the commissioning organisations, regardless of whether the needs are health or social care needs.

The plan is to maintain step one and two above, however the funding arrangements will be based on the agreed matrix rather than a 50:50 split.

Why a change is needed

The matrix tool will enable all concerned to identify how the individual's needs are being met and ensure the appropriate funding arrangement is in place to meet the needs. The current situation does not reflect a personalised care approach.

Staff will be trained in using the tool as of this month so that they can then implement at the individual's next review.

Implications

Resource: Harrow CCG have allocated a resource of £194,000 to support the implementation of the utilisation of the new matrix if needed. This could include the following staff if necessary:

Mental Health nurse assessors
Social workers
An experienced trainer
Administrative support
Best interest assessor (if necessary)

Financial: the new matrix will determine the funding split for new and review cases and make clearer where and how the costs will be apportioned.

Legal Implications/Comments

Throughout the process, both the CCG and LA have sought legal advice, to ensure the new process is permissible.

Risk Management Implications

1. Risk: Delay in implementation. Training is slower than anticipated due to the ability to release staff to undertake the training. Staff capacity across LA and CCG to attend training will be challenged by competing year end priorities, but training will be made available across health and social care. Mitigation: The CCG have identified funding for back fill as required

2. Risk: Delay in implementation, as difficulty to undertaking a CPA due to individuals (service user and or staff) availability
Mitigation: The CCG have identified funding for back fill staff as required. CPA dates with a variety of slots to be scheduled around the service user's availability, with a range of dates to select from.

Section 3 – Further Information

The multi-agency protocol is being undated, and will be finalised by 30 January 2019

Section 4 - Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Not yet. This will be completed as part of the multi-agency protocol

Section 5 – Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Protect the Most Vulnerable and Support Families

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

Please identify how the report incorporates the administration's priorities.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities

STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Not required – report for information only.

Ward Councillors notified:

NO as this affects all wards

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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