

# Improving physical health

Developing integrated care pathways to support mental and physical wellbeing

A joint project between

Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust and NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care for Greater Manchester

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# Life expectancy is reduced by up to 15-25 years in people with SMI: Why?

### Lifestyle factors:







### Service users' attitudes towards physical health





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# The Trust

- Provides a wide spectrum of mental health, physical health and wellbeing services
- Is one of only five combined mental health and social care Trusts in England and Wales
- Serves an estimated population of 503,000 people, operating with the Manchester City Council boundaries
- Has two inpatient units offering acute care, as well as a number of Community Mental Health Teams
- Is one of the most research active mental health trusts in the country and hosts a number of national leaders in their field, including National Clinical Director for Dementia Professor Alistair Burns, Professor Nav Kapur, who heads suicide research at the University of Manchester and Professor Louis Appleby, National Director for Health and Criminal Justice.





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## **Background information**



These vary in size, culture & mental health knowledge



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### CLAHRC: The know 'What' and know 'How'...



# The improvement challenges

#### **Community Mental** Health Teams (CMHTs)

- Little contact with GPs
- No sharing of data

#### **Primary care**

- Confused over remit of CMHTs
- No communication with CMHTs or psychiatrists
- Practice staff negativity towards service users

#### **Service users**

• Lack of trust in GPs

• Avoidance strategy

Lack of motivation

• Difficulty accessing GP surgery





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## The GOLD standard for MMHSCT



To develop and test the implementation of a sustainable integrated service user pathway that supports prevention and the early diagnosis, treatment and management of physical health problems as part of the overall treatment and care of people with SMI

### A joint approach with shared responsibility





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### How do we achieve the gold standard?



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## **Positive progress:**

## MDT and physical health link worker role

### **MDT meetings**

- 24 held to date (monthly or bi-monthly)
- LTC QIPP or dedicated mental health
- Between 5-10 clients discussed
- Joint actions generated
- Case supervision to ensure actions followed through

January 2013	Key Actions	Total Actions
	Community Lifestyle Service Referral	9
	Disease Review (inc. repeat bloods; CHD; Diabetes etc)	23
	Medication Review	8
	Other	31
	Practice Lifestyle Service Referral	6
	Primary Care Physical Health Assessment	21
	Rethink Assessment	3
	Blank	1
	Total	102
		NHS



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# Positive progress: feedback so far

#### CMHTs:

- Improved communication
- Positive about the link worker role
- Uncertain about doing basic physical health assessments



#### Service users:

- Currently gathering this information
- Initial impressions are positive

#### Primary care:

- Improved coordination of care
- Understand the role of the CMHT
- Identifying people requiring tests and investigations
- Appropriate referrals into lifestyle services

"This sharing of information is enabling the surgery and the NWCMHT to work in a much more co-ordinated way..." Dr Caplan





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### **Positive progress: education & lifestyle services**

3. Community physical health assessment



Developed a **Rethink assessment guide** to support community staff (freely available from: michael.spence@srft.nhs.uk

4. Physical health education



- Make physical health training mandatory for CMHTs
- Educate on the delivery of Rethink assessments
- Clinical effectiveness days

5. Increase utilisation of current physical health resources







- Collaborative learning days
- Various lifestyle services profiling their services
- Utilise services directory

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# What next?

- Complete evaluation of current project
- Prepare for integrating this work into core Trust business
  - Ensure all structural components required for spread are identified and implemented
  - Gather all outputs for spread from current project
  - Prepare the teams plan spread and communicate well! ۲

"These people have never looked like coming together before and in truth it makes me feel empowered and cared for because I know there is somebody out there who can help me deal with my problems."

A service user





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## **Questions?**



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