

CAMHS Newsletter Nov-Dec 2007

News

Government invests £31 million in children and young people's psychiatric wards

This funding has been split between 17 projects designed to help eliminate the inappropriate use of adult psychiatric wards for children and young people by increasing bed capacity and refurbishing facilities.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=330418&NewsAreaID=2>

Troubled children to receive help to avoid going into care

The government has allocated £17.5 million towards a pilot project, which will provide families with Multi-systemic Therapy. Multi-systemic Therapy (MST) is a family and community-based treatment programme for young people with complex clinical, social, and educational problems. It supports young people who are at risk of developing early personality disorder, chronic offending and antisocial behaviour, and who may be at risk of going into care, to remain with their families in the community.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2007_0208

Events

Children's National Service Framework Development Initiatives Conference, 23rd January 2008.

The aim of this conference is to share the learning of the 19 projects who have been funded through a Department of Health grant to develop their work, in line with Standard 9 of the Children's NSF.

The conference will also see the launch of a report, which will bring together the individual evaluations of each project.

Flyer

<http://www.csip.org.uk/silo/files/childrens-nsf-development-initiative-conference-flyer.pdf>

Registration form

<http://www.csip.org.uk/silo/files/registration-form-for-nsf-initiatives-workshop.doc>

Workshop Briefing paper

<http://www.csip.org.uk/silo/files/nsf-initiatives-workshop-briefing.doc>

Training Courses

Working Therapeutically with Young People

This is a 3-day training programme in adolescent mental health, provided by The Northern School of Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy.

The course is free, but to be eligible, applicants must be working in a role that involves regular contact with adolescents though this may be in a wide range of public and voluntary sector settings.

<http://www.camhs.org.uk/documentdownload.aspx?doc=wtwyp%20leaflet.pdf>

Personality Development: A Psychoanalytical Approach

The Northern School of Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy are running seminars on personality development in both Durham and Leeds during 2008.

Click on the link below for further information.

<http://kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&doc=101012&grp=1>

Working with Black and Minority Ethnic Children, Adolescents and their Families in CAMHS

This is a 10-week course from The Tavistock Clinic. It aims to develop a theoretical understanding of race, culture and mental health; increase knowledge of key issues facing black and minority ethnic communities; improve clinical practice with black and minority ethnic clients.

<http://www.camhs.org.uk/documentdownload.aspx?doc=Tav%20port%20BME%20CAMHS%20course.pdf>

Policy

Children's Services: Child & adolescent mental health services contribution to area based grant for 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11. Local Authority & Social Services Letter (LASSL 2007, 2)

This letter sets out local authority allocations in respect of 2008-09 and provisional allocations in respect of 2009-10 and 2010-11.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Localauthoritiesocialservicesletters/DH_081123

Local Authority Children's Services Funding: 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/localauthorities/index.cfm?action=content&contentID=11459&categoryID=17&subcategoryID=124>

This circular below includes details of grants that DCSF is making available to authorities for children and young people's services from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

Children's Plan

This document is a ten-year plan, and sets out how the DCSF will improve services, to improve the health and wellbeing of children.

http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/childrensplan/?cid=childrens_plan&type=bannerad

Children's health, our future: a review of progress against the National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services 2004

This report is written by Dr Sheila Shribman, and provides an overview of the work of the NSF. It outlines key policy milestones, progress to date, and the major challenges and opportunities still ahead.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_080379

Children and Young Persons Bill 2007

This Bill (CYP Bill) introduced in the House of Lords on 14 November 2007 fulfils commitments made in the White Paper, Care Matters: Time for Change.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/childrenandyoungpersonsbill/>

Consultation on guidance on 'Finding a shared vision of how people's mental health problems should be understood'

The Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) has developed draft guidance for consultation on 'Finding a shared vision of how people's mental health problems should be understood'. The guidance is aimed at everyone concerned with the development and delivery of services including people that use services and their carers.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_080913

Consultation on the draft revised Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice

The consultation document invites your comments on the draft revised Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice (in the light of the Mental Health Act 2007).

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_079842

Mental wellbeing of children in primary education: consultation on the draft guidance

This NICE, Public Health Guidance has been released as a draft for consultation. The closing date is Friday 21 December 2007.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=folder&o=38351>

2007 Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR)

Public Service Agreement (PSA) Delivery Agreement 12: Improve the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

This document forms part of the Public Service Agreements for the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review.

One of the priority areas is improving emotional health and well-being, and child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/9/6/pbr_csr07_psa12.pdf

For more general information about the 2007 CSR, go to

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/pbr_csr/pbr_csr07_index.cfm

Children and Young People Today: Evidence to support the development of The Children's Plan

The department for Children, Schools and Families have published this report in order to establish the context for the Children's Plan due to be published next month. The report summarizes qualitative and quantitative knowledge on the wellbeing of children and young people in England.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/childrensplanevidence/downloads/Evidence%20to%20support%20the%20Childrens%20Plan.pdf>

Sure Start Children's Centres: Phase 3 Planning and Delivery

This guidance is for local authorities and Sure Start Children's Centres and focuses on the issues for the third phase, which completes the national rollout of 3,500 children's centres. It provides additional information to supplement, not replace, earlier guidance in Sure Start Children's Centres Planning and Performance Management Guidance, which was issued in November 2006.

<http://publications.everychildmatters.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-00665-2007&>

NHS Next Stage Review: Interim report

This interim report was published by the Department of Health, October 2007, and is part of a review of how the NHS delivers patient care. It sets out a 10-year vision for the NHS, reflecting what they have heard from patients, staff and the public over the last three months.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/dh_079077

<http://www.ournhs.nhs.uk/>

Resources & Research

Maintaining the momentum: Towards excellent services for children and young people's mental health.

This report is by Jenny Plumb, Yvonne Anderson and Cathy Street, and was published by The NHS Confederation, December 2007.

It aims to: raise awareness among board members about the challenges facing child and adolescent mental health services; illustrates the long-term benefits of comprehensively meeting the mental health needs of children and young people; Shows both commissioners and providers what they can do to ensure that recent momentum of progress in CAMHS is not lost.

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/mental-health/index.cfm>

Early detection and intervention for young people at risk of psychosis

This report was compiled by Sophie Parker, Paul French, Aoiffe Kilcommons & David Shiers. It is the result of joint working between CSIP/NIMHE, the Royal Colleges of GPs and Psychiatrists, and the British Psychological Society.

<http://www.earlydetection.csip.org.uk/>

Parents in Hospital: How mental health services can best promote family contact when a parent is in hospital

This report was produced by the Barnardo's Policy and Research Unit.

It is based on a review, which sought to investigate a number of areas significant to

the issue of family visiting:

- The identification of and support of parents and children to maintain relationships while a parent is in hospital;
- Current protocols, practices and facilities for family visiting;
- Effectiveness of inter-agency communication between adult and children's services;
- Barriers and facilitators to supporting and promoting family visiting;
- Identifying good practice and what makes it effective.

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/parents_in_hospital_final_report_july_2007.pdf

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/parents_in_hospital_summary_report_july_2007.pdf

The National Evaluation of Sure Start: Does Area-Based Early Intervention Work?

This book brings together papers regarding the context, implementation and evaluation of the Sure Start programme.

The book is edited by Jay Belsky, Jacqueline Barnes, and Edward Melhuish and was published by The Policy Press, 2007.

http://www.policypress.org.uk/catalog/product_info.php?cPath=&products_id=1339

Provision of child and adolescent mental health in-patient services in England between 1999 and 2006

This paper, which was carried out by the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research and Training Unit is a repeat of a bed count survey that was initially carried out in 1999.

It was found that between 1999 and 2006 the total number of units in England has risen from 72 to 91, and the number of beds provided from 844 to 1128 (an increase of 284).

The paper was published in Psychiatric Bulletin, Dec 2007, V 31, pp. 454-456

This paper is not freely available, but can be purchased online from:

<http://pb.rcpsych.org/>

A press release from The Royal College of Psychiatrists can be downloaded from:

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/pressparliament/pressreleases2006/pr970.aspx>