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Information requested:

Please send me an info you can about the establishment of the new National Mental Health Programme Board

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Information provided for the answer:

The Collaborative Executive Group - membership of which is NHS Wales chief executives and which oversees the work of the NHS Wales Health Collaborative⁽¹⁾ – agreed in March 2018 that, during 2018/19, an NHS Wales Mental Health Network will be established, under the Collaborative governance framework.

The new network will form part of the NHS Wales Health Collaborative Team alongside other all Wales clinical networks, and be guided and overseen by a Network Board. Its work will encourage a whole system approach to the management of mental health, maintaining a focus on people, their outcomes and ensure that professional expertise and patient experience are used to shape change and improve services.

Recommendations agreed to take this forward included the:

- Establishment, as soon as possible, of the NHS Wales Mental Health Network Board, under the terms of reference agreed by the Collaborative Executive Group (copy provided)

- Establishment, in the first half of 2018/19, of the specified sub groups of the network board, covering CAMHS, adult mental health services, eating disorders and perinatal mental health
- Conclusion of discussions and negotiations with Public Health Wales and Welsh Government over the transfer of defined staff and resources from 1000 Lives into the Collaborative Team
- Transfer, in the first half of 2018/19, of agreed staff and resources into the Collaborative Team
- Completion, by the end of 2018/19, of a change process resulting in a clear structure for the Mental Health Network Team within the Collaborative Team, with a Network Manager identified/appointed
- Establishment, in the first half of 2018/19, of clear relationships and working arrangements between the Mental Health Network Team and relevant colleagues and teams in the Collaborative Commissioning Unit, Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee and the Delivery Support Unit
- Completion of engagement on the specification and implementation of arrangements to ensure that the NHS Wales Mental Health Network Board can oversee the mental health related commissioning functions of the National Collaborative Commissioning Unit, through a clear accountability of the Unit to the Network Board for these functions
- Conclusion by the first half of 2018/19, of the current exercise mapping mental health groups and the production and agreement of recommendations as to which existing groups should:
 - *be replaced* by the new NHS Wales Mental Health Network Board and its sub groups
 - *have a clear accountability* to the new Network Board and/or its sub groups
 - *be altered* to clarify their role in relation to the new NHS Network Board and its sub groups
 - *continue as at present*
- The mapping exercise should also clarify the relationship between the network, the network board and relevant multi agency and partnership groups and boards

⁽¹⁾ *The Collaborative Team core functions include the planning of services across organisational boundaries to support strategic goals; management of programmes and projects across organisational boundaries; and the co-ordination of activities and teams across NHS Wales. The majority of its staff work in River House, Gwaelod-y-garth, Cardiff and the team is hosted by Public Health Wales.*

Relevant actions have been incorporated into the Collaborative work plan for 2018/19 (copy provided)

The mapping exercise has been undertaken by the Collaborative team to identify existing groups, committees, boards, projects etc. with a significant role in mental health across NHS Wales. The scope of the exercise is national groups across NHS Wales where mental health is the primary focus. The purpose of this is to provide the new all Wales Mental Health Network with information on the current position and inform any changes to future arrangements.

The mapping report was completed in June 2018. This has draft status and will be formally received at the first meeting of the new Mental Health Network Board.

An afternoon workshop on the new Mental Health Network was held in Cardiff on 13th July to discuss the development of the new Mental Health Network and to support preparation for the first Network Board meeting in September 2018. The draft mapping report was also discussed. Invitees included the lead chief executive for mental health; Welsh Government; Public Health Wales 1,000 Lives Improvement Service leads; Mental health service leads; NHS Wales Delivery Unit; NHS Wales Collaborative Commissioning Unit.

The first meeting of the new Mental Health Network Board is planned to take place on 14th September 2018 and nominations are being sought for its membership.

An advertisement is due to be published for the post of national clinical lead for perinatal mental health.

No immediate action has been taken in relation to the transfer of staff pending consideration of actions identified in '*A Healthier Wales: our plan for health and social care*', published by Welsh Government in June 2018.

Supporting documents:

1. Terms of reference for NHS Wales Mental Health Network Board (note: worded in anticipation of the network board and its sub groups being in place)
2. Extract from NHS Wales Health Collaborative work plan 2018/19

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