

LRSA End of Project Case Study - Kensington and Chelsea April 2010 – March 2011

Reviewing parental mental health services

Details of project request

A key element of the secondment was for the LRSA to review the work of the Parental Mental Health Service within the borough as well as to improve partnership working between Adult and Children's Services.

Details of work undertaken by LRSA

The work included a multi-agency review of parental mental health provision in the borough; establishing and chairing a multi-agency/disciplinary Think Family Project Group; working with CAHMS Commissioning Group; undertaking an internal audit of CIN and CPPs to establish the extent of parental mental health issues, gaps in provision as well as identify good practice; and closely worked with the voluntary sector and disabled children's services and the CAF Implementation Manager.

Specific safeguarding outcomes achieved

The LRSA presented the findings of the review to Senior Managers within the RB, Kensington & Chelsea's Local Safeguarding Board Executive, and to Senior Managers at Central and North West London Health Trust. In relation to the RB, the review will feed into its ongoing development of redesigning early intervention / high level needs provision. CNWL is also considering the findings of the review as part of its ongoing redesign of complex care services as it relates to mental health. In addition, through the multi-agency Think Family Project Group there has been increased working together across agencies, with Adult and Children's Services. This has included involvement in the development and delivery of the RB's Joint Protocol on Young Carers and increased delivery of joint training with Adult MH practitioners and CAF Team members.

Next steps

In the course of this work, the LRSA has involved other boroughs where there are examples of good practice in Think Family approaches. These boroughs have presented to practitioners and managers in K&C or have provided documentation such as referral and assessment forms or joint protocols. Given the interest shown in the TF approach, one borough was invited to present at the London Board annual conference where the seminar was fully attended.