

Trust board report

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Purpose of the report:

- Performance management.
- Annual report 2007 / 2008 on safeguarding children.

Action required:

- To receive for information

Recommendations:

- Trust board members to note.
- Service directors for the attention and action by trust directorate safeguarding children groups / performance management executives for action on outcome audit findings.

Relationship with Risk and Assurance Frameworks:

- Trust and directorate Risk and Assurance Frameworks
- SfbH C2. Health care organisations protect children by following national child protection guidance within their own activities and in their dealings with other organisations
- Statutory Guidance on Making Arrangements to Safeguard & Promote the Welfare of Children under s 11 of the Children Act 2004

Summary of Financial and Legal Implications:

- Area of clinical risk.
- Funding for core training.

Equality, Diversity & Public & Patient Involvement Implications:

- Needs of children will be considered in all interactions with clients and carers.

Annual report 2007 - 2008

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

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1.0 Achievements and challenges:

1.1 Achievements:

- Half year report to December 31st 2007 attached.
- Very positive working relationships established with all local safeguarding children boards (LSCB).
- Continued increase in awareness evidenced by much greater take up of training, advice and use of information sources.
- Identification of champions and establishment of champion events including one day conference in February attended by over fifty.

1.2 The focus and challenges for 2007-2008 from last years report included:

- Children who provide care for parents.
- Family strategy for the Trust
- Managing individuals who pose a risk of harm to children including risks arising from the mix of adults and children on large Trust sites
- Child visiting arrangements and facilities
- Understanding and contributing to safeguarding plans.
- Multi-agency working in complex cases and for looked after children around safeguarding plans.
- Responding to and learning from child death reviews
- Raising awareness of and responding to female genital mutilation

2.0 Outcomes against 2006 2007 report

2.1 Identifying child need and risk

Completion of child need and risk screens enables identification of children who provide care for parents and therefore responding to their needs. Overall (IRS) rates at 30/6/2008, inclusive of inpatient units, is 17 % (Table 1) compared with 9% at 31/12/2007. Rates in acute in patient units are higher (Table 2). Variable rates apply across all teams ranging from 0 to 100%.

Table 1

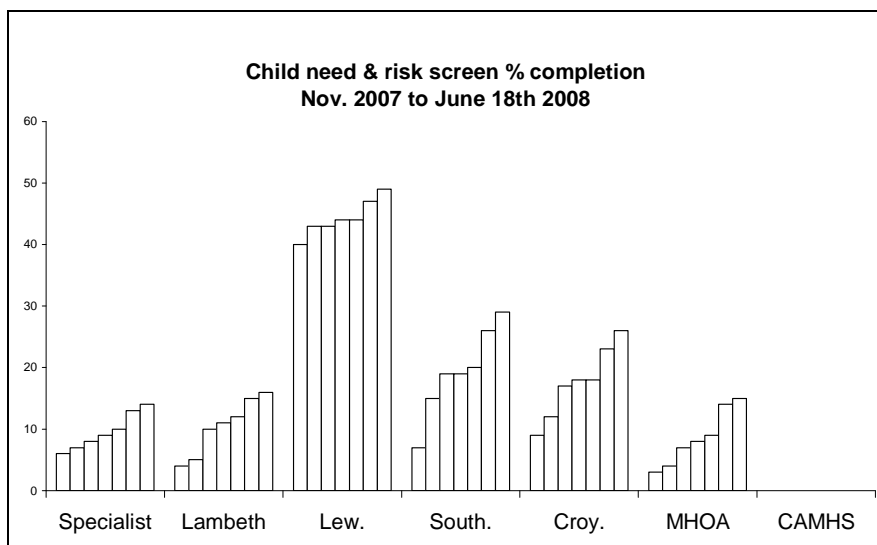


Table 2 - Percentage % completion of child need & risk screens in in-patient units.

Screen	CAMH Out Pat.	CAMHS in-pt.	Croyd.	Lamb.	Lewish.	S'wark	Spec. AMH
CN&R screen	0	14	79	70	73	70	42
CAMHS brief risk	58	95					
CAMHS full risk	10						

CAMHS continues to prioritise brief and full CAMHS specific risk assessments. These contain child protection questions.

2.2 Family strategy.

Workgroups for development started in June 2008 led by the director of nursing.

2.3 Managing individuals who pose a risk of harm to children including risks arising from the mix of adults and children on large Trust sites.

Guidance is completed. Appointment to the CAMHS child protection post spanning BRH is underway. Recent appointment of the BRH site manager will facilitate structures enabling cross directorate liaison on BRH site including facilities management of risks related to contractor access and use of site recreational facilities. Appointment of specialist adult safeguarding children lead is outstanding.

2.4 Child visiting arrangements and facilities

Results of the nursing audit of child visiting facilities are summarised in the half year report attached. All in directorate in patient management committees including MHOA have been met since this audit and the revised policy and standards disseminated through these meetings, children's video and newsletter. In patient managers and the named nurse completed audits of all in patient units at Ladywell and Southwark in advance of formal re audit this year through the nursing in patient audits.

2.5 Understanding and contributing to safeguarding plans.

Monitoring systems were in place in Lambeth CAMHS and are now in place in Croydon CAMHS. The spring 2007 newsletter publicised the changes and requirements.

2.6 Working with other agencies in complex cases and for looked after children around safeguarding plans.

This remains an area for development.

2.7 Child death reviews under Chapter 7 Working Together 2006

SLaM safeguarding professionals have received awareness training in new procedures in Croydon and Southwark and participated in initial meetings in three boroughs. Procedures have been publicised in the newsletter.

2.8 Raising awareness of and responding to female genital mutilation

The multi agency guidelines have been circulated within Lambeth adult and CAMHS services.

3.0 Training

1,176 staff trained (Table 3). Take-up increased 30% against last year due to increased delivery. Wastage also increased for core days and introduction for non clinical staff partly due to changes in booking arrangements (Tables 3 & 5).

Staff continued to use LSCB local multi-agency training. (Table 4). There has been a decrease this year possibly due to increase in SLaM training provided.

Table 3

Staff attending SLaM training. April 2007 to March 2008	Completed 07/08	No. of courses	Av. per course	Withdrawn	DNA	% Wastage	Courses cancelled
Induction Safeguarding Children – 1 ½ hours plus market stall.	600	12	50	-	-	-	-
Safeguarding Children: Core Day	411	34	13	112	64	33	2
Safeguarding Children in Adult MH – Southwark staff	48	4	16	10	3	21	1
Safeguarding Children: Introduction for Non-Clinical and Support Staff half day.	72	8	12	17	13	29	2
Safeguarding Children in Parental and Perinatal Health	45	8	6.5	5	4	18	1
Totals. (* = excluding trust induction)	1176	66	12*	144	84	28*	6

Table 4 - Number of SLaM staff attending LSCB training 2007 - 2008

	SCR briefings	Safeguarding children	Ann. Conf. / events	Safe recruitment	Totals
Bromley	3	4	2	1	10
Croydon		12 AMH +18 CAMHS			30
Lambeth		23 AMH +16 CAMHS			39
Lewisham					15
Southwark		58 AMH +12 CAMHS	5+5		80
					174

Total attendances at LSCB training in 2007 -2008 was 190.

Table 5 - SLaM training comparison with 2006-2007

SLaM training. Changes from April 2006 to March 2007	Completed 06/07	Completed 07/08	% Change from 06/07	% Wastage 2006/7	% Wastage 2007/8	Wastage change from 06/07
Induction Safeguarding Children – 1 ½ hours plus market stall.	478	600	+26	-		
Safeguarding Children: Core Day	196	411	+110	21	33	+12%
Safeguarding Children in Adult MH – Southwark staff	68	48	-29.4	18	21	+3%
Safeguarding Children: Introduction for Non-Clinical and Support Staff half day.	86	72	-16.3	18	29	+11%
Safeguarding Children in Parental and Perinatal Health	104	45	-56.7	22	18	-18%
Totals. (* = excluding trust induction)	906	1176	+29.8			

4.0 Multi agency LSCB serious case reviews:

The number of full case reviews under Chapter 8 Working Together 2006, reported to Oftsted, where a full chronology and report were provided by SLaM, decreased and the number of reviews not reported increased.

Three full reviews reported in Bromley, Lambeth and Southwark LSCBs and three not reported took place in Lambeth LSCB.

Service themes included child and adult presentations to psychiatric liaison services at A&E (two reviews), and two children looked after or just left care. Two reviews included a context of serious sexual abuse within the family. Babies were subject of two reviews. SLaM services had been provided across all directorates including addictions, adult, CAMHS, LD, perinatal and liaison.

If there is any overall theme it is that safeguarding children remains core within all directorates and services.

5.0 Assurance

Local safeguarding children boards have approved our SfBH C2 returns as compliant.

6.0 External inspections

Joint Area Reviews have reported in Lewisham and Croydon in 2008 with no adverse findings for the trust.

7.0 Internal audit

Analysis of the in patient unit nursing audit of October 2007 child protection element for 60 in patient units was reported in the half year report December 2007 (attached).