

GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES CLINICAL REFERENCE GROUP

26th June 2015
Skipton House, London

Present

John Dean (JD)	CRG Chair, Devon Partnership Trust
Steve Hamer	Accountable Commissioner
Rafik Tabjee	GP, RCGP Representative
Leighton Seal	Consultant Endocrinologist, St. George's Hospital
Christina Richards (CR)	SSPA, BPS
[sec 40]	Transgender Information PPV Rep
Andy Prior	Practice Manager – St. Peters Andrology Centre
James Barratt	Lead Clinician – West London Mental HealthTrust
James Bellringer	Consultant Surgeon, RCS Representative
[sec 40]	Trustee, GIRES
Melissa Colthurst	Patient and Carer Representative, CRG
Stephen Whittle	V/P and Head of Legal Services – PFC/MMI
Andrew Yelland	Consultant Surgeon
Helen Greener	Consultant Psychiatrist, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust

In Attendance

Matthew Mills

	Apologies
	Walter Bouman
1	To receive minutes of last meeting held on 24th April 2015
	The minutes of the last CRG meeting of 24 th April 2015 were accepted and ratified as a correct record
2	Matters Arising thereof and not on the agenda
	<p>Young Peoples gender Identity Services CRG.</p> <p>The CRG in which Young people's gender identity services sat has been decommissioned. Although this group recommended that those services should be represented through a sub-group of this group, it has been decided that it will instead sit with the Paediatric Medicines CRGs.</p> <p>Polly Carmichael will continue to be invited to attend this meeting to act as a conduit between the two service groups.</p> <p>RK suggested we look at the possibility of a YP user rep who has been through the services in the last 5 years be asked to join the group.</p> <p>SH will investigate.</p>

3	The Gender Identity Services Task and Finish Group
	<p>a) Most recent meeting</p> <p>The Task and Finish group continue to meet regularly. It last met yesterday (23rd June). Yesterday's meeting was a single agenda item meeting and was attended by SH and JD. The meeting received an initial outline of the progress to date with the audit work being carried out by Claire Ginn on behalf of the T&F Group. She gave an overview of her work to date and some high level findings to date. Despite praise of all the clinics for innovation in the way they worked she felt that there was very little sharing of such innovation between services. This is partly because of the historical isolation of service development and partly because all clinics are trying to cope with significant demand.</p> <p>Her audit showed considerable difference in waiting times, service models and service configurations as well as different commissioning arrangements. These will be highlighted in her final report along with some modelling of processes and suggestions for streamlining.</p> <p>The report will be shared with each clinic to check for accuracy and context before being signed off and released wider for action by the T&F Group.</p> <p>b) Gender Identity services Symposium</p> <p>The Gender Identity services Symposium is taking place next week (30th June). Dame Barbara Hakin is opening the event and introducing the concept that Gender Services are not solely NHS England Specialised Services responsibilities, but instead is a responsibility of all parts of the NHS including Primary Care and Secondary Care services. It is hoped that this event will kick start the unblocking of parts of the continuum of care for Transgender patients.</p>
4	NHS England Update
	<p>Policy and Specification progress</p> <p>The CRG developed Clinical Commissioning Policy is due to go to CPAG on 30th June. If agreed and subsequently prioritised by CPAG, the Policy and Specification will go to SCOG in the Autumn. If ratified there, then it is likely that contracts may be varied to include the new products in time for the 16/17 financial year.</p> <p>Symposium</p> <p>Previously discussed and taking place on 30th June 2015.</p> <p>Gender Identity services Policy and Specification Consultation</p> <p>The above consultation ended on 23rd April. There were 61 responses in total and JD and SH have reviewed all responses giving their recommendations as to the categorisations of each response. The category 1 responses will be incorporated into the contract products and will be discussed later in this meeting and beyond.</p>
5	CQUIN 2015/16
	<p>SH confirmed that the Customer satisfaction CQUIN started in 14/15 was a two year program and that it should be continuing this year.</p>

	SH encouraged to remind commissioning colleagues about monitoring.
6	Consultation categorisation
	<p>The group received copies of the consultation responses to the policy and specification and discussed the Category 1 responses and how best to incorporate them into the final contract products. There was no disagreement as to the appropriateness of inclusion of category 1 responses into the products and a little more discussion of Category 2, 3 and 4 categorised responses.</p> <p>Facial feminisation and facial masculinisation should be considered at the next iteration of the Policy and Specification.</p> <p>Changes will be made to the final products being presented to NHS England through the autumn period.</p>
7	Any Other Business
	<p>SH apologised in advance for the notes to this meeting. No admin support was available and so will be using the notes he's taken during the meeting to pull a record together.</p> <p>RT took the opportunity to comment on the lack of resource to CRGs in general, particularly as all members are working very hard outside of and in addition to their regular roles. SH will raise the concerns when opportunities arise.</p> <p>Training Sub Group</p> <p>LS took this opportunity to update the group on the work of the training sub-group.</p>
15	Date of next meeting
	Friday 18 th September 2015 13:00 – 17:00