Notes from the Hospital Learning Disability Partnership Group

Wednesday 31 July 2013, John Radcliffe Hospital

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Notes from our last meeting

The group agreed to call this group the Hospital Learning Disability Group.

We checked the notes from our meeting in March 2013.

Hospital Passport

- The new Hospital Passport has been sent out to My Life My Choice and to carers’ groups.
- The Hospital Passport was also sent out to the Oxford County Council.
- There are some more changes to make. Stephanie Ross will make these changes to the new Hospital Passport.

Mencap’s Getting it Right Campaign

- Mencap (a charity) has asked hospitals to sign up to the new campaign.
- Stephanie Ross told the group that Oxford University Hospitals is signed up.
Tracking and Flagging Group

- We want to know who has a learning disability, so that we can give them the right amount of care.

- We want to ask people if they are happy for us to put a ‘flag’ (message) on their notes to say they have a learning disability.

- Southern Health will write to people who have a learning disability in Oxfordshire and ask if this is okay.

- Southern Health is working with the hospitals, Oxford Health, and the Ambulance Service. Letters will be sent out in the autumn.

- We have to ask people with learning disability to bring in their Hospital Passport, as it will help us to understand their needs. The group suggested that we talk to paid carers to help with this.

Oxfordshire Learning Disability Partnership Health Sub-Group

- Oxford University Hospitals Trust, Southern Health, Oxford Health, and The Oxfordshire County Council now meet.

- This group will work together to look at
issues that people with learning disabilities have with their health.

Policy and Protocol

- We have a new Learning Disability Policy and Protocol.
- An Easy Read version of the new Policy and Protocol is in draft.
- My Life My Choice to be asked to review.
- When agreed, Stephanie Ross will send out to all.

CIPOLD Report and the Government

- The Easy Read version is now available. A copy of this was given out to everyone to look at.
- The CIPOLD Report says that people with learning disabilities die earlier than the general population. The report looks at what causes this to happen.
- CIPOLD have said what needs to be done to make this better. Stephanie asked the group to go through them.
- We need to know if someone has a learning disability.
We need to make sure we are planning and coordinating people’s care. This means that different organisations need to talk together about someone’s care.

Learning Disability Champions needed in Radiology/ultrasounds/scans.

Wards and learning disability champions to contact Stephanie Ross when someone is admitted.

Some patients with learning disabilities have Health Action Plans. We could ask patients to bring their Health Action Plans when they come to hospital.

We can ask the doctors and nurses to write in the Health Action Plans (the plan page at the end).

Stephanie to change the Easy Read appointment letter to ask people to bring in their Health Action Plans.

The group talked about care for women with learning disabilities who are pregnant. Stephanie said there is already a Maternity Pathway Protocol for women with learning disabilities.

It is very important that people bring their own medication into hospital with them. This will be added to the Emergency
Pathways Admissions.

**Six Lives Report**

- The group looked at the report and agreed we have to keep listening to the views of people with learning disabilities.

**Work-plan**

- Stephanie Ross asked the group to look through this.

**Actions**

- Stephanie to change the work plan.

Now done:

Starting a county-wide group. This is now done – called the Learning Disability Board Health Sub-group.

Tracking and Flagging Group now meets.

Mencap Campaign – we have signed up to the “Getting It Right” campaign.

- Easy Read Policy and Protocol to be signed off.

- Stephanie to look into asking patients with learning disabilities what is working
and what is not.

- Stephanie to look at the changing places toilet action plan.
- Stephanie to look into getting more learning disability champions trained in Radiology/ultrasounds/scans.
- My Life My Choice to finish working on the training DVD.
- Audit tool to be sent to LD champions to use in their areas, and to be returned to Stephanie.
- Symbols used on wards. Group discussed whether symbols used on patients’ beds help staff if we want to look ask wards to use these. The group agreed that it is important to ensure patients always carry their hospital passports with them.
- Stephanie to make new changes to the Hospital Passport.
- Stephanie to make sure that everyone at the Provider Forum meeting knows about Hospital Passports and that everyone needs be offered one.
- Stephanie to send out Easyread Policy.
- Wards to contact Stephanie Ross if someone with a learning disability comes
into hospital.

- Stephanie to add a sentence to the easy read appointment letter. It will ask people to bring in their Health Action Plans.

- Stephanie to organise a meeting to write an Emergency Pathway. This will tell people what should happen when they come in as an emergency.

Next meeting

31 March 2014  13:30-15:30

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