

**MAP CAG Advisory Group**

The MAP CAG stands for Mood, Anxiety & Personality Clinical Academic Group – an organisational structure which manages services for mood, anxiety & personality disorder across the South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM). The Advisory Group members have experience of using mental health services and meet every month. We work with the senior management of the mood, anxiety & personality disorder services to keep the views of service users at the heart of all service developments and improvements. To make sure that people know what we are discussing in our meetings we have developed this short briefing sheet.

1. Five service users were present at the June meeting, plus the Patient & Public Involvement Lead, a Deputy Director, Head of Clinical Pathway and Clinical Governance Officer (all SLaM); three apologies were received.
2. Clinical research & service delivery is now a standing agenda item. We look forward to welcoming Dr Diana Rose and Dr Andre Tylee to the August meeting to talk with us about current work.
3. A Group member attended the newly-formed Research & Education committee.
4. The Briefing Sheet has been well-received and circulated widely within the Trust and associated organisations and stakeholders. We plan to continue this method of communication, and welcome comments and feedback.
5. An outline “brief history” of the Group’s work to date was tabled for further input; we will combine it with a statement of our plans and vision for the future.
6. Our input into the reconfiguration of the psychological therapies continues via the structure of the Project Implementation Board, which will now support an operational group. We are working with senior managers to help inform the development of a service specification that wherever possible takes on board the feedback gathered from involvement work with service users over the last few months.
7. A specific group to look at developing a framework for evaluating the new services will be developed, with input and representation from the MAP CAG Advisory Group and the co-chair of Southwark LINK.
8. The importance of improving equity of access to psychological therapies for BME groups and for people whatever their sexual orientation was noted. We intend to work with BME forums, and communities, to seek a greater understanding of people’s needs and feedback.
9. A Group member presented her Report on “Measuring Outcomes & Promoting Excellence: A Service User Perspective” drawing on her experience of the Touchstone Centre Programme. Key points were noted. Report and feedback to go for discussion at the Project Implementation Board and Clinical Governance Executive Meeting; Presentation to go to other groups as appropriate; possibility of running a Workshop Event on Measurement Processes and Outcomes in Psychological Therapies to be considered.
10. Audit Priorities for the MAP CAG – Care Programme Approach (CPA) & Carers assessments were prioritised.
11. The Research project (called MAPLE) into the impact of the CAG changes on service users is ongoing and Group members are working with the research team, clinicians and other service users.
12. Recovery & support plans are due to ‘go live’ in October.
13. The next Meeting is scheduled for 27th July 2012

***Views and comments from SLaM service users and carers on any of the above issues, as well as feedback on how you would like the ‘Mood, Anxiety & Personality Clinical Academic Group (MAP CAG) Advisory Group’ to develop its strategic work with SLaM, are welcome. Please contact Alice Glover, Patient & Public Involvement Lead on 0203 228 0959 or email [alice.glover@slam.nhs.uk](mailto:alice.glover@slam.nhs.uk)***