

MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY UPDATE

This briefing note sets out the work currently being undertaken within the Mental Health and Learning Disability Team.

1. Serious Adverse Incidents Review

From 1 April 2010 to 30 November 2010 there have been 104 cases reported as Serious Adverse Incidents (SAI's). The cases can be summarised as follows:

Trust	Deaths				Other Incidents	Stats		
	Suicide/Suspected Suicide	Natural Causes	Other	Not Known		Male	Female	Total No of SAI's
BHSCT	8		3	3	11*	15	9	25
NHSCT	6		3	9	5	20	3	23
SEHSCT	20			5	1	17	9	26
SHSCT	14		1		4	14	6	20
WHSCT	8		1			8	2	10
Totals	56	0	8	17	10	74	29	104

At present suicides or suspected suicides are reported through to RQIA and this process is to continue but letters will go to Trusts from the HSC Board following consultation and in partnership with RQIA. This is to ensure one point of information return and will stream processes and therefore avoid duplication. During the initial phase of this new arrangement RQIA are monitoring the impact of these changes on its ability to continue to discharge its functions in making inquiries into cases where it appears that there may be ill-treatment, deficiency in care or treatment. A joint workshop between PHA/HSC Board, Trusts and RQIA was held on 19th November to review the new process and address any changes which may be necessary in relation to the progress of the new system and in particular the review process. Further improvement in terms of communication was discussed at this workshop and greater collaboration was identified by RQIA and refinements to the process of reviewing SAIs continue to improve.

2. Monitoring of errors in prescribed forms and guardianship applications

Total number of forms received from 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2010 is **7139**.

Trust Area	Total Forms received	Percentage Late >4 days	Percentage Unsatisfactory
BHSCT	2255	81.33%	3.46%
NHSCT	1673	60.19%	1.67%
SEHSCT	1229	56.96%	2.52%
SHSCT	1046	64.24%	2.49%
WHSCT	936	68.59%	3.10%
Total	7139	68.01%	2.69%

The level of improvement in relation to the satisfactory and timely completion of forms continues to be maintained through ongoing feedback and communication with Trust Medical Records departments. There is currently a work stream which will address the process of electronic submission which should in the first instance address the time delay significantly.

3. MHLD Inspection programme

The schedule of inspections of Mental Health and Learning Disability wards and departments commenced in October 2010. Until 31 December there have been 23 announced inspections and one unannounced inspection. The following table outlines the inspections completed to date.

Facility	Date
Brooke Lodge, Lakeview	30 September & 1 October 2010
Clinic B, Gransha	5 & 6 October 2010
Spruce Ward, T&F	6 & 7 October 2010
Ulster Acute	19 & 20 October 2010
Ward 29, Downshire	20 & 21 October 2010
Elm Ward, T&F	26 & 27 October 2010
Lime Ward, T&F	27 & 28 October 2010
Lissan 1, Holywell	2 & 3 November 2010
Clinic A, Gransha	2 & 3 November 2010
Strule, Lakeview	4 & 5 November 2010
Ennis, Muckamore	10 & 11 November 2010
Six Mile Ass, Muckamore	16 & 17 November 2010
Ward 28, Downshire	16 & 17 November 2010
Greenan, Muckamore	18 & 18 November 2010
Ward J, Mater	24 & 25 November 2010
TNU, Holywell	24 & 25 November 2010
Erne, Muckamore	30 November & 1 December 2010
Ward 27, Downshire	1 & 2 December 2010

Ward L, Mater	7 & 8 December 2010
Carrick 3, Holywell	14 & 15 December 2010
Cranfield Female, Muckamore	15 & 16 December 2010
Rathlin, Knockbracken	15 & 16 December 2010
Dementia Ward, Downe	16 December 2010

Additionally an unannounced inspection took place in Ward 12, Lagan Valley Hospital on 22 November 2010. This was as a result of non-return of self assessment and press article which related to over occupancy.

Reports for the inspections of mental health facilities are forwarded to trusts to seek quality improvement plans. It is anticipated that the individual reports will not be subject to publication. However, a six monthly overview report of themes and issues arising from the inspection programme will be forwarded to trust chief executives and the HSC Board.

4. Guardianship Panel

The Guardianship Panel last met on 29 September 2010.

One of the key objectives for the MHL D team has been the integration of mental Health Order Functions across other areas within RQIA's remit. As a result Guardianship has been selected as an inspection theme for the 2011/12 inspection year. This will involve inspectors in regulated sector services making enquiry into the terms, care and treatment of individuals subject to guardianship. A workshop will be held in January to finalise arrangements for this inspection theme with all relevant inspectors.

5. GAIN Funding for Guideline Development

The MHL D team in conjunction with Dr Mary McClean Project Manager submitted an application for funding to develop a guideline on the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 and dissemination of training to all professionals including an e-learning package. This should ensure consistency in approach and implementation of the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 and will continue to be monitored by the MHL D team. A report will be presented at the next board meeting. The amount of money granted for the project was £28,300.

An initial meeting chaired by RQIA with key stakeholders took place on 22 November and involved all stakeholders namely Royal College of Psychiatrists, GPs, Directors/Asst Directors of Mental Health and Learning Disability, Nurse Directors, Legal Services, PSNI, DHSSPS, NIMDTA with user and carer representation. Apologies were received from the NI Ambulance Service (NIAS) but a follow up meeting was held to discuss the issues.

A further meeting to develop an e-learning package was held at RCP on 24 November 2010.

6. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

The CAMHS review has been completed. The final report was considered at the Board works shop in October 2010. The report is with the DHSSPS in line with the agreed communication protocol. Publication date is anticipated in January 2011. RQIA are currently awaiting feedback comments from DHSSPS before publication.

7. Meetings with Advocacy Services

The MHL D team have continued to meet with User and Carer Advocates in relation to care and treatment of individuals with a mental illness. Meetings have also included Learning Disability and Dementia.

The Advocacy Forum met on three occasions on 14 April, 23 September and 16th December 2010. The main discussions were in relation to update from Patient Experience Reviews and Inspections and discussions in relation to the provision of advocacy services.

8. Patient monies

On 4 October 2010 the Director of Operations arranged that the RQIA Finance Manager should conduct a review of RQIA's responsibilities in respect of financial matters under the Mental Health (NI) 1986 Order, Article 116. This work has been completed and sets out the:

- present position regarding Article 116 of the Order
- the roles and responsibilities of trusts and RQIA, and
- recommendations as to the processes and procedures to enable RQIA to discharge its statutory duties on a continuing basis.

Information has been received from Trusts and this will be reviewed by Head of Programme and Finance Manager to have Report on Article 116 completed by end of January 2011.

9. Expert Advisory Panel

The Expert Advisory Panel has met on two occasions since April 2010 on 21 July 2010 and 13 October 2010. An evaluation framework for use by the advisory panel was developed to assist with the assessment of how effectively RQIA are discharging its MHO functions transferred on 1 April 2009. The outcome of this evaluation will form the basis of a report to the Board in April 2011. Feedback to date has been very positive in relation to the work of the MHL D Team. The next Expert Advisory Panel meets on 12 January 2011.

10. Declaratory Order

During the course of December 2010 RQIA were requested to provide a Report in relation to a Declaratory Order issued by High Court. RQIA were asked to provide an oversight into the care and treatment of an individual who lacked capacity to consent to treatment. A Report was provided for the High Court and further oversight continues to be provided by RQIA. A further Report will be provided.

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Month	Total Forms received	Average Days to receipt	Percentage Late *	Percentage Unsatisfactory	Target
Dec-09	835	7	68%	2.6%	4
Jan-10	777	8	62%	2.8%	4
Feb-10	799	8	75%	2.3%	4
Mar-10	856	7	69%	4.4%	4
Apr-10	753	6	68%	2.8%	4
May-10	778	6	69%	2.7%	4
Jun-10	771	6	66%	2.2%	4
Jul-10	945	6	68%	3.8%	4
Aug-10	965	6	71%	2.6%	4
Sep-10	890	7	71%	3.0%	4
Oct-10	785	6	64%	2.5%	4
Nov-10	768	7	65%	1.8%	4
Dec-10	477	7	69%	2.1%	4
TOTAL	9724	7	66%	3.2%	4

