

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 2011 to 30 April 2011 there have been 10 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								
NHSCT								
SEHSCT	4			1	1	4	2	6
SHSCT	1			1		2		2
WHSCT				2		2		2
Totals	5	0	0	4	1	8	2	10

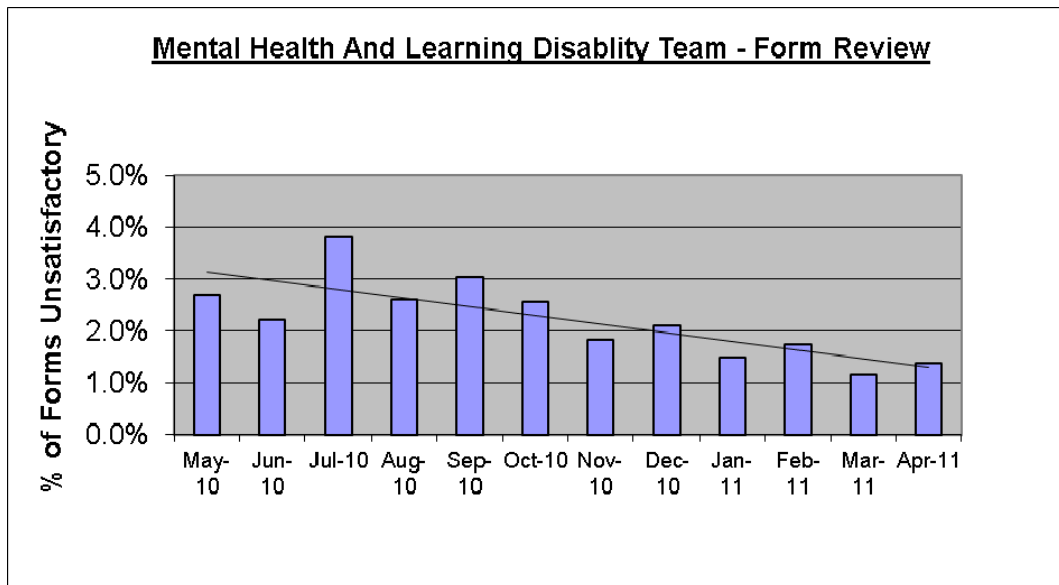
2. Monitoring of errors in prescribed forms and guardianship applications

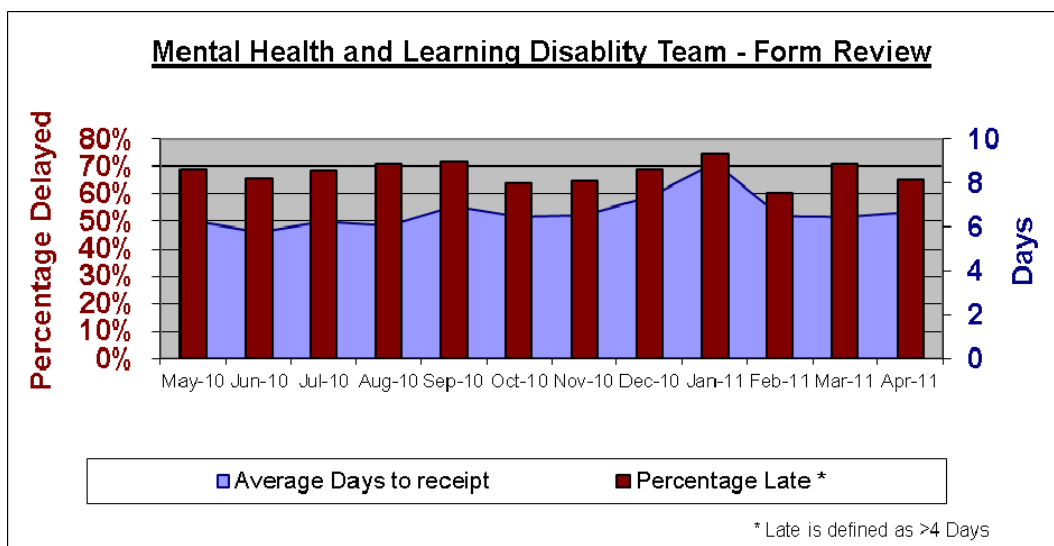
Total number of forms received from 1 April 2011 to 30 April 2011 is **728**.

Form Analysis April 2011			
Trust/ Area	Total Forms received	Percentage Late >4 days	Percentage Unsatisfactory
BHSCT	212	84.43%	0.94%
NHSCT	181	48.07%	0.55%
SEHSCT	141	65.25%	2.13%
SHSCT	94	58.51%	3.19%
WHSCT	100	61.00%	1.00%
Total	728	65.11%	1.37%

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. Total unsatisfactory for April 2011 is 1.37% which is a substantial improvement. It is anticipated that the proposed electronic transfer of forms (GAIN project) will improve the time delays in receipt of prescribed forms.

Month	Total Forms received	Average Days to receipt	Percentage Late *	Percentage Unsatisfactory
May-10	778	6	69%	2.7%
Jun-10	771	6	66%	2.2%
Jul-10	945	6	68%	3.8%
Aug-10	965	6	71%	2.6%
Sep-10	890	7	71%	3.0%
Oct-10	785	6	64%	2.5%
Nov-10	768	7	65%	1.8%
Dec-10	477	7	69%	2.1%
Jan-11	811	9	75%	1.5%
Feb-11	693	6	60%	1.7%
Mar-11	784	6	71%	1.1%
Apr-11	728	7	65%	1.4%
TOTAL	9395	7	68%	2.2%





3. MHLD Inspection programme

The schedule of inspections of Mental Health and Learning Disability inspections commenced in October 2010. To end April 2011 there has been 47 announced 2 day inspections to mental health and learning disability facilities. There was one unannounced inspection as a result of non-return of self-assessment questionnaire. 17 more inspections will follow in May and June to complete the inspection programme on the human rights theme of fairness.

The details of inspections are as follows:

Facility	Date
Donegore, Muckamore	12 and 13 April 2011
Bluestone, Willow	14 and 15 April 2011
Waterside Hospital Wards 1 and 3	19 and 20 April 2011

The broad themes on the outcomes of these inspections will be detailed in a full report of the mental health and learning disability team activity when the inspection process is complete.

Further targeted inspections are planned for 2011/12 and the human rights theme of protection will be the focus for this inspection programme.

4. GAIN Funding for Guideline Dissemination

The MHLD 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. There are workshops planned for later in the year and an e-learning package is also being developed. There has been significant input from MHLD team in the

development of this guideline and it is anticipated that it will be completed in September 2011.

5. MHLD Reviews

Planning for the review of community learning disability services has commenced and a scoping document will be produced in advance of the Project Initiation Document (PID).

A further review is planned for a Risk Assessment in mental health and learning disability services for 2011/12 against Promoting Quality Care which was issued in September 2009.

At the request of DHSSPs a further review of child protection and vulnerable adults in mental health and learning disability facilities is planned for 2011/12.

6. Meetings with Advocacy Services

The MHLD 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. Information from Inspection and general themes emerging formed the basis of the last meeting of the Advocacy Panel which was on 6 April 2011. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 September 2011.

7. Expert Advisory Panel

The Expert Advisory Panel has met on five occasions in the last year. 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. Feedback to date has been very positive in relation to the work of the MHLD Team. The last meeting of the Expert advisory Panel was held on 13 April 2011 and an evaluation report was presented at this meeting. The outcome of this evaluation and the final report to the Expert advisory Panel is included in Board papers.

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