

Developments in Mental Health Services for Bedfordshire & Luton

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Some Key Achievements:

Establishing Acute Assessment Units

Introducing Single Point of Access for Community Services

Shortlisted for national Patient Safety Award 2010

Major environmental improvements across Trust services

Section 136 suites opened

Rated in top 20% for patient satisfaction in 2009 national patient survey





Employment Services:

Awarded disability two ticks status

User employment project

Community employment projectslinked to CMHT areas and supporting users to gain and maintain employment

6 places on Intermediate Labour Market scheme for Empowa clients





Rehabilitation in Secure Services:

Full-time sports therapist on staff
Weekly activity plans
Health activities – exercise and diet
Barnfield college input and IT suite
Spiritual centre on site





Assertive Outreach Service in South Bedfordshire:

Established November 2008
Fully staffed multi-disciplinary team
Meeting team targets





Early Intervention Team:

Re-established 2008, meeting targets for caseload

Small caseload of 'at risk' individuals for developing psychosis

Active service user group in place Football team





Prison in-reach pathways:

7 day a week service in place Multi-disciplinary staffing, including psychology

Links to community services developed to improve aftercare

Weekend group work activities introduced





Dual Diagnosis Pathways:

New policy introduced for closer links between services

Joint assessments

Input into the Single Point of Contact Training for mental health teams being provided





Revised CPA processes:

Reviewed all CPA service users to identify status under new requirements

Training for staff provided

Carers assessments introduced into CPA training

Leaflets and DVD produced for service users and carers





Under 17s care pathway:

Access to inpatient services 'age appropriate' improved

CAMHs consultant on call 24/7

Home treatment workers introduced

Reviewed and revised to become an under 18s pathway from 1st April 2010 to meet legal requirements.





Next Steps:

Complete Integration of staff and services across Bedfordshire, Essex and Luton

Locality Management aligned to Local Authority boundaries

Service review and redesign – subject to formal consultation lead by NHS Bedfordshire





Thank you

Any Questions?

