

Approved Minutes of the Mental Health Legislation Committee
held on Tuesday 24th April 2012

Present:	
Susan Thompson	Non-Executive Director (Chair)
Lee O'Bryan	Non-Executive Director
Jayne Hayes	Clinical Lead – Specialist & Secure Services SBU
Alan Metherall	Deputy Director of Nursing
Harvey Rees	Deputy Medical Director
Andy Johnston	Clinical Director - Adult Acute Inpatient Services
Laura McMurtrie	Chief Executive
1.	Apologies
	Felicity Longshaw (Chair AWP) Hazel Watson (Director – NCAS) Gill Ross – Client Account Manager Peter Carpenter – Consultant Psychiatrist Mark Dean - Deputy Director and Head of Safeguarding Paul Hughes – Business Development & Planning – L&LL Emma Roberts – Company Secretary Arden Tominson - Medical Director
	ST said Peter Carpenter will be retiring shortly (although remaining on an Honorary contract). Susan requested that her thanks to Peter for his contributions and helpfulness to this meeting be noted. Dr Ragini Heeramun is likely to replace Peter at this meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting held 16th February 2012
	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th February 2012 were approved as a correct record.
3.	Matters Arising
	<u>(3a) Action Log</u> The action log was discussed and amended. Updated copy will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.
4.	Presentation: s136 – Andy Johnston
	Andy Johnston presented to the committee. Discussion during the presentation included:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BME representation – recent audit figures would suggest that the Bristol BME community are not entering the s136 health based suite and are not coming through custody either – therefore the hypothesis is that they must be coming through the criminal justice system after arrest. Jayne Hayes said that within the Medium Secure unit the majority of admissions come through the prison service. Laura McMurtire stated that this was also the case in Swindon. • The issues around poor responses from essential staff from other

	<p>agencies that ensure a timely assessment were discussed. Problems occur when AMHPS for example postpone assessment to the next day (in hours) due to their other on call priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An agreed and clear management structure of s136 within AWP is urgently required. Laura McMurtrie clarified that this is currently being discussed within the Operations Directorate to take forward. <p>Andy completed his presentation by saying that as a provider of 136 suites the AWP management and response is excellent. Data collection is improving and nurses support of the service extremely well. The service now needs to be taken forward by SBU Directors to commissioning colleagues and others to improve the pathway.</p> <p>Discussion followed and Susan spoke about an issue raised at a presentation to the Board by the Swindon Crisis Team in which it was raised that they felt that by focussing on the management of a s136 suite it distracted them from the other tasks within the crisis team – and asked that in terms of providing a s136 suite, we were not jeopardising other services. Laura McMurtrie reassured Susan that this was absolutely not the case. Laura further stated that although internal resource pressures had been removed from the crisis team, the risks had not just been transferred to the inpatient team as they had sufficient resources. All agreed that the best ways of addressing capacity is smarter partnership working with all involved.</p> <p>Susan thanked Andy for providing this helpful information and asked for a further update on the management structure at the July 2012 meeting and for this to be added to the workplan agenda in March 2013.</p>	
5	Mental Health Legislation Committee Workplan – 2012-2013	
	<p>Susan presented the draft annual workplan. This was approved with a few minor amendments. A revised copy will be circulated to members with the draft minutes of this meeting.</p>	
6	Mental Health Legislation Committee Terms of Reference	
	<p>Alan Metherall highlighted the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the MHLC, and said that when approved this would then go forward to the Company Secretary for the Board's final approval.</p> <p>The committee agreed with the proposed changes with a few minor amendments.</p> <p>Susan Thompson requested that local authority social worker representation on the committee be clarified.</p> <p>Action: AM</p>	
7.	Report on Advocacy for Detained Patients	

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	<p>Alan Metherall outlined each section of the report with the committee.</p> <p>Susan remarked that the report was both extremely positive and helpful and thanked Alan for his work on this.</p> <p>Susan also asked that IMCA/Advocacy be added to the workplan for March 2013.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> AM</p> <p>Alan was asked to liaise with Jill Crooks re furthering the co-operation of Swindon MIND with the IMHA service.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> AM</p>	
8.	Mental Health Legislation Committee Information Report	
	<p>Susan asked members for any comments on the MHLC Information report.</p> <p>Alan reported that the final sentence in section 1.1d (page 5) needed clarification for the next meeting and thereafter amended accordingly.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> MD</p> <p>Lee O'Brien asked for clarification re Page 3: Second para – i.e. <i>'there is still a considerable variation in detention rates between wards of similar function within the Adult SBU'</i>. There was a lot of discussion about this and the way it could be interpreted. Alan felt that this was something that should be discussed further at the MHL&SMG meeting and thereafter to report back to this committee in July.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> AM</p> <p>Page 15: Safeguarding Performance Reporting Alan was asked to ensure a greater description of information for the next report.</p> <p><u>Action AM</u></p> <p>Page 11. Jayne Hayes reported that the DOLS referrals were not identified correctly in the report as referrals are made from Lansdowne on a regular basis. Mark Dean to check why this has not been picked up in this report.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> MD</p> <p>It was further decided that for future MHLC meetings the template for the Exception Report from the management Group should be amended to include a heading to highlight comments from the Information Report each time.</p> <p><u>Action AM/MD</u></p>	
9.	Mental Health Legislation Dashboard	
	<p>Alan presented the developing MHLC dashboard and noted that the report still in embryonic form and will be looked at in more detail at the July 2012 meeting.</p> <p>Andy Johnston asked that the words 'control and restraint' (2.4) be changed to PMVA instead.</p>	

	<p>Comments included:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To move away from 'control and restraint (section 2.4) and add PMVA instead. 2. AWOLS to be separated out to 'walk offs' and 'late returners'. <p>Any further comments to Alan Metherall.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> MD/GR</p>	
10.	Exception Report from MHL&S Management Group	
	<p>Alan Metherall presented the exception report from the MHL&SM Group meeting.</p> <p>Susan asked that future exception reports also cover any points of concern arising from the information report together with any issues of concern that were raised by the management group.</p> <p><u>Action AM/MD</u></p>	
11.	Any Other Business	
	<p>Susan reported that a meeting has been arranged with Kate Brass and Elaine Scott from the CQC for 31st May 2012 at 11.30 – 1.00, Jenner House. Anybody wishing to attend is welcome, and in particular Susan asked for Clinical Director and Medical Director representation at the meeting.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Lynn Jacob to invite Andy Johnston and Harvey Rees to The meeting with the CQC.</p>	
12.	Next Meeting	
	<p>Thursday 19th July 2012 – <u>Conifers Meeting Room, Blackberry Centre, Bristol.</u> 2.00 – 4.30 pm.</p>	