

Commissioning Group

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JSNA CAMHS and ASD Needs Assessment Document Review and Approval

Summary & Recommendation

This paper describes the changes made to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Needs Assessment (NA) documents and any other comments and recommendations made, following their distribution for review and approval to the JSNA Commissioning Group (Comm Gp) members. It is recommended The Comm Gp approves and publishes these reports and conducts further work to address any areas of weakness in future iterations.

1 Background

The CAMHS and ASD NA reports were circulated to the 25 members of the JSNA Comm Gp on 25th Sep for review and approval by 11th Oct.

The CAMHS NA is a document originally produced in 2012. The revised edition contains new data from Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust in the contextual chapter and includes infant mental health in the chapter on post-natal depression. Other sections have not been updated since the document was first made public in September 2012. It had been approved by Kate Harker, the commissioner who initiated the project and a Comm gp member, prior to its distribution to the Comm gp.

The ASD NA report is a quantitative analysis of ASD in Warwickshire that sits alongside the ASD consultation report and was initiated by the Autism Strategy Group, who approved the report prior to its distribution to the Comm Gp.

2 The Review

Only two members of the Comm Gp responded by the allotted deadline. Once prompted, a further six responded after the deadline. Unfortunately, many of the comments provided fall into the following categories:

- Areas of concerns that would need to be addressed by a whole new piece of work.
- Comments or suggestions on what services/training etc. needs to follow from its findings.

These have been recorded and, where they are relevant for all, are described below, in addition to the changes made and any further observations and comments:

2.1 CAMHS

The **changes** to the CAMHS NA were as follows:

- Two grammatical or factual errors pointed out were corrected.
- Additional explanation for 'inappropriate referrals' was added to the contextual chapter.
- Several footnotes were added to add explanation to some questions raised on the data tables.

The following **other** observations and comments were also recorded and the actions/recommendations are in italics taken:

- Several observations were made that recommendations made throughout the report for schools could equally apply to other partners. *This was noted in the JSNA Programme Lessons Log for future projects.*
- Some observations were made about groups of people who may not be adequately addressed by the report, including the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community and those from an ethnic minority. *These comments were recorded in the JSNA Programme Lessons Log for future projects. If a further piece of work is required then members of the Comm Gp are encouraged to instigate a project to address this.*
- Observations about the accuracy and comprehensiveness of Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust's data on their CAMHS service were also made. This problem is well understood; however, *the comments were noted and fed back to the People Group commissioner and Clinical Commissioning Groups Contract Manager for the CAMHS contract.*
- There were some observations on the size, structure, style and utility of the document. *These have been noted but the majority of the body of the report is over a year old and does not reflect current working practices.*
- Some observations were made about how up to date some data was in the report. *As this revision only included an update to the CWPT CAMHS service data, no other data was been updated. If a further piece of work is required then members of the Comm Gp are encouraged to instigate a project to address this.*

2.2 ASD

The **changes** to the ASD NA were as follows:

- A minor amendment to wording of one of the report's key findings.
- Two minor amendments to the wording that describes the prevalence methodology used.
- An additional data table was added to provide more detail to the information provided on accommodation in section 2.1.4.

The following **other** observations and comments were also recorded and the actions/recommendations are in italics taken:

- There was one observation of perceived issues in the structure of the document. *A meeting has been booked to try and understand this further as no detail was provided. However, the document follows the current JSNA NA template, approved by the Comm Gp. If any changes need to be made to this, members are encouraged to bring them to the Comm Gp.*
- There was one observation about limitations in the data used and how up to date it was. *A meeting has been booked to try and understand this further as the authors were unaware of this and no further detail was provided.*
- It was observed that the information may not be fully accessible for people with autism to read and understand. *This comment was recorded in the JSNA Programme Lessons Log for future projects.*
- It was observed that the quantitative information presented would be supplemented by qualitative information. *The report sits alongside the ASD consultation report for the Autism Strategy Group that contains this qualitative information. This was not produced under the JSNA but will be included on the JSNA website for ease of access for readers.*

3 Conclusion

Not all members of the Comm Gp have reviewed and approved the CAMHS and ASD NA documents. Changes have been made to the documents where appropriate and other comments

have been noted, with relevant lessons recorded and follow up actions taken. These documents are now being used by the commissioners who initiated them and it is recommended that they are shared wider. Any areas of weakness can and should be addressed by future pieces of work rather than delay the publication of these to audiences that may find them useful.