



CRISIS CARE PATHWAY BRIEFING

JULY 2018

Greater Manchester Crisis Care Pathway celebrates launch

Over 100 people came together to celebrate the launch of the exciting new Greater Manchester Children and Young People's Crisis Care Pathway.

The pathway aims to dramatically improve the overall experience and outcomes for children and young people with mental health issues, along with those who care for and work with them.

It is being delivered by a range of partners from the NHS, the private sector and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector across Greater Manchester.

The attendees came from a wide range of backgrounds and represented all ten of Greater Manchester's boroughs.

Key highlights

The event was an opportunity to find out more about the pathway, including the structure of the new services, proposed timescales for implementation and the pathway's REACH-IN model (more on this below).

Dr Steve Jones from NHS England opened the event; setting the national context for child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).

He spoke about Future in Mind and the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health. These have tasked community mental health teams with increasing access, decreasing waiting times and ensuring that effective crisis services are available 24/7.

Crucially, he highlighted the need for a whole system approach, with organisations working together to provide the best outcomes for children and young people.

Attendees then heard from Warren Heppolette, Executive Lead, Strategy and System Development at the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership and Dr Sandeep Ranote, CAMHS lead for Greater Manchester.

They provided a localised view of CAMHS; highlighting how devolution has offered a unique opportunity to revolutionise CAMHS across the area.

Following this, authors of the REACH-IN model, Dr Krissie Ivings, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Sara Barnes, Pennine Care's Deputy Managing Director for Mental Health and Specialist Services, presented their vision for integrated crisis services.

They shared details about the REACH-IN Model, which forms the building blocks of the whole pathway. It was developed with children and young people and is made up of [nine pledges](#) and the following seven principles:

Recovery focused and responsive

Evidence-based and effective

Accessible and available

Comprehensive

Holistic

Integrated

Needs-led

The model includes an assessment centre for managing referrals into specialist CAMHS inpatient beds; new rapid response teams to support young people in crisis without the need for A&E or a hospital admission; crisis beds for brief, intensive risk management; and a safe zone led by the voluntary, charity and social enterprise (VCSE) sector, staffed by youth workers.

Each of these elements requires new ways of working, to ensure we can REACH-IN to young people regardless of location, diagnosis, or time of day.

Finally delegates were asked to participate in workshops to share their experiences and provide valuable input to the development of the new services.

Next steps

The feedback from the event workshops is currently being collated and will be analysed. An update will be shared in due course.

From July 2018, quarterly network meetings will be held in each of the Greater Manchester clusters, starting with Wigan and Bolton. These will provide updates on progress and an opportunity to build and maintain relationships across organisations.

Further information

Further information is available at www.penninecare.nhs.uk/gmccp. Feedback is welcome at any time to pcn-tr.gm.crisiscare@nhs.net