Mental Health Partnership Board – Service User and Carers Priority Workplan 2014-1015

Issue	Actions	Service User Workshop Outcomes	Department of Health National Strategy	MH Partnership Board	Work led by
To understand better how Mental Health Service Users and Carers access information around benefits and develop mechanisms to support them.	1. Be briefed on benefits support offered by Bucks CC and Department of Work and Pensions including background, funding, training, communication and developments going forward in light of changes to benefits. 2. Look at potential for developing volunteer advisors within voluntary sector (including development and training and re-imbursement of expenses) to support work of Bucks CC and Department of Work and Pensions. 3. See if Service Users can be involved in delivery of training to support training of front line staff and provide a real life perspective.	Provision meeting demand. Working together to improve services Feedback from the top Service User and Carer Experience used in education and training	We will lead an	That people in receipt of benefits are supported and assisted where needed through changes that are taking place with the benefit system.	SUCO
To provide an up to date directory detailing the range of statutory and voluntary services	1. To undertake a mapping exercise to identify range of services.	Linked up services Provision meeting demand	information revolution around mental health and wellbeing (p11).	That people accessing Mental Health services are given information about what they can expect to	Carers Bucks Bucks Mind Wycombe Mind

available to Mental Health Service Users and Carers within Buckinghamshire	 Bring information together in a user friendly directory. Seek small pot of funding to publish and promote directory (i.e to CPWs, GP Surgeries, Voluntary Organisations and libraries). Identify where gaps exist and work with Voluntary Sector and Community Links Officers to see where new or additional services could be developed. 	Signposting for carers and families. Educate about available services	Integrated approaches to local commissioning also have an important role to play in promoting mental wellbeing as part of the local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (P10.)	receive.	
To understand better the changes and challenges to statutory service provision for Mental Health Service Users and Carers	1. Be briefed on statutory services and pathways currently available, where developments, changes and challenges will be in the light of the Care Bill and the National Strategy for Mental Health. 2. Feedback information to own networks and groups.	Action/Feedback from the top. Signposting Whole picture	Integrating physical and mental healthcare (p19- 26)	That people accessing Mental Health services are given information about what they can expect to receive	SUCO
To look at how Service Users and Carers access Services and provide advice and information.	1. Develop proposal for Healthwatch Bucks to develop and deliver workshops throughout Buckinghamshire around pathways for accessing	Quicker access and simpler referrals. Linked up services. Provision meeting	High quality mental health services with an empahisis on recovery should be commissioned in all areas reflecting on local need (P10).	That people accessing Mental Health services are given information about what they can expect to receive	Bucks Mind Wycombe Mind Wycombe Mind Peer Advocates

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services.	demand.	Adults will be given the	
		right to make choices	
2. As part of the	Working together to	about the mental health	
workshops provide advice	improve services	care they receive (p16)	
to participants			
	Signposting	We will user the friends	
3. As part of the		and family tree to allow all	
workshops hear and	Service User and Carer	patients to comment on	
document service users	Experiences	their experience of mental	
and carers experiences		health services (p17).	
and feed that evidence			
back to Statutory		Carers will be better	
Authorities to help shape		supported an more closely	
thinking and		involved in decisions	
commissioning.		about mental health	
		service provision (P19).	
		Mental healthcare and	
		physical healthcare will be	
		better integrated at every	
		level (P20)	