



Minutes of the North West Mental Health Librarians Meeting
26th February 2016 10.00 – 12.30
Venue: Lantern Centre, Preston

PRESENT	Bernie Hayes (minutes), Dan Livesey (Chair), Carmel Smith, Liz Stitt.
APOLOGIES	Lucy Anderson, Andrew Cheney, Rosalind McNally, David Stewart.

NO	MINUTES	ACTION
1.	<p><u>Minutes of the previous meeting</u></p> <p>These were approved as a correct record.</p>	
2.	<p><u>HCLU update</u></p> <p>David was unable to attend the meeting and had not sent a written report. The group agreed that we should ask DS for any ideas on how he could keep us informed of developments, as we miss his regular input, particularly in terms of more informal assessments of possible future direction, upcoming events, etc.</p>	DL
3.	<p><u>LQAF</u></p> <p>The group welcomed the changes to the submission requirements, which mean that the completion of LQAF returns should be less time-consuming this year.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Collaborative MH event for the “North”</u></p> <p>DL attended the Primary Care Plus event at the beginning of February and met with Becky Williams, Chair of the Yorks & Humber MHL group, to talk about possible future collaboration. BW subsequently discussed options with the YH group and they agreed with us, that joint meetings, throughout the year, were not an option, but there was support for an annual joint event. The themes of collaboration with public libraries and information provision for patients and the public were possible topics for this year’s meeting. BW is happy to help DL organise the event.</p> <p>Provisional details: Event to be held in Leeds, on Monday, 16 May 2016, presentations in the morning, meeting in the afternoon. Dominic Gilroy has agreed to fund a venue and lunch, DL will contact HCLU regarding covering travel costs for speakers. DL will also speak to Gil Young about the format of the event and the best way to promote it.</p> <p>Any further suggestions for possible speakers to DL asap.</p> <p>DL will keep group members updated on any developments.</p>	<p>ALL – date for diaries</p> <p>DL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>DL</p>
5.	<p><u>“Branding” for the North MHL collaboration</u></p> <p>Following discussion, we agreed that it would be a good idea to give a name to our proposed collaboration with YH and possibly NE. Those present agreed on:</p>	

	Mental Health Xtra	
	Any further suggestions and/or comments on this name to DL asap.	ALL
6.	<p><u>e-resources - collaborative purchasing & information sharing</u></p> <p>The group discussed sharing experiences of purchasing, managing and using online journals and e-books. It was felt that this is a subject where we could usefully pool our knowledge, sharing expertise and, where appropriate, exploring consortium purchasing options and collaborative bids.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would make this a standing item on the agenda, to enable us to feed in relevant information in time for bidding in June and for making journal purchasing decisions in Sept/Oct.</p>	DL
7.	<p><u>Stock losses</u></p> <p>LS has recently had a number of books go missing, when staff have left the Trust without returning their Library books. The group discussed the issues around this and about sharing information between Trusts. It was agreed that we are limited in terms of what we can do to pursue such stock losses, annoying though they are.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Updates from individual Trusts</u></p> <p><u>Calderstones</u></p> <p>LS reported that the Trust will cease to exist on 30 June and will become part of Mersey Care Trust on 1 July 2016. The Library services will be merged.</p> <p>In the week running up to World Book Night (23 April), LS will be holding a “Celebrating Words Week”, which is being organised in conjunction with the Trust’s OT service and will include a range of activities, such as reading aloud, displays, songs and lyrics and performances.</p> <p><u>Lancashire Care</u></p> <p>CS outlined the plans for the extension of the Library. Space inside the Lantern Centre will be re-configured, to enable the Library to double in size. The new space will enable the service to provide more PCs and a training room, which will double as a quiet room. The work begins mid-March and will take 6 weeks to complete. During this period, Library services will be maintained but the book stock will not be available.</p> <p>A new Library strategy is being developed and CS is also working on a dashboard, to enable staff to more easily demonstrate impact.</p> <p><u>Manchester MHSC</u></p> <p>DL is about the recruit to a Band 4 Library Assistant post, having lost a Band 5 post during the past year, and the previous Library Assistant recently having been recruited to work at HENW.</p>	

	<p>The future of the Trust is currently under discussion and staff will find out, in April, what is going to happen.</p> <p><u>5 Boroughs</u></p> <p>BH has appointed an Assistant Librarian, who started work on 1 February. This is a one-year fixed-term post, to enable BH to pilot an outreach approach. The main focus of the outreach work will be seven newly established Clinical Networks. These are leading on strategy and the establishment of standards for their patient groups and will help the Trust to move towards being a clinically led organisation.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CILIP CPD survey</u></p> <p>DL reminded the group that the deadline for completion of this short survey is 14 March and asked if any CILIP members who have not yet completed the survey could please do so, before the deadline.</p> <p>The survey can be accessed here</p>	CILIP members
10.	<p><u>Date, time and place of next meeting</u> 16 May 2016, at a venue in Leeds – TBC.</p>	ALL