

Minute of the Comms and Engagement Advisory Group meeting

Date: 26th January 2021

Present: John Scott, Karen Martin, Chloe Trew, Samantha Phillips,
Secretariat: Sophie Ryder, Adele Farwell

Apologies: Irene Oldfather, Rebecca Lawrence, Kirsty McGrath

1. Project planning

John outlined to the group what the next interim report would include and the next steps for the review, to enable the group to start thinking about a plan going forward.

He suggested that a good approach might be to expand meeting notes/ minutes of the Advisory Groups so that these could be lifted into the interim report.

John then explained to the group how we would be approaching our stakeholder engagement going forward. This will include setting up 2 reference groups; practitioners and lived experience (including carers) so that we could invite feedback from a wide a range of people and ensure that any changes we make work in practice. This will also include a rolling programme of engagement, whose members will represent a cross section of the mental health sector.

John also advised that we will be expanding the Executive Team by recruiting another person with lived experience .

John explained that the role of the group going forward would be to look at alternative ways of communicating and making things accessible including language and vocabulary. He advised that the easy read version was very well received, and it was useful.

John advised that the next interim report would include more clarity around proposals and recommendations so the group should take this into account when forward planning.

Stakeholder engagement

- It was advised that recruiting members for the reference groups could be very time consuming and this should be factored in when project planning. Advised to allow around 8 weeks.
- It was agreed that the maximum number of people will be 12, on each reference group, this will be easier to manage and this gives us a good range of experience.

- It is also important to think about what support people who are contributing on the reference groups might need and have this in place before they start
- The comms and engagement group will support with the recruitment of members for the reference groups. The list of representatives will be shared with the group for approval.

2. Human Rights and Mental Health Awareness Campaign

Karen spoke to the group about the idea of an event to raise awareness of Human Rights/UNCRC and how these translate to care and treatment.

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Sophie gave a brief update on the response to the questionnaire 'The Triangle of Care' a Professional Perspective. We have now received 65 responses which is positive. An analysis of the results will be produced for the next meeting and the group can decide how to take this forward.

Next Meeting

Adele has sent a Doodle poll to gather availability for the next meeting.