

## Agenda Item 13

**TO:** West Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust Board

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**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006

**SUBJECT: ADULTS OF WORKING AGE MENTAL HEALTH AUTUMN ASSESSMENT**

### 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to advise the Board of the results of the self-assessment element of the autumn assessment process for mental health services in Gloucestershire.

### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Autumn Assessment is an annual process undertaken between June and December and is in 4 key parts;

- Service mapping
- Financial mapping,
- Themed review on Choice in Mental Health services.
- Self-assessment on LIT performance against 39 nationally agreed standards.

2.2 The service mapping data is used to provide a regional and national directory of services.

2.3 The financial mapping is used at regional and national levels to enable the Department of Health to analyse and compare the total amount of resources allocated and spend on mental health services. Comparative data is expected to be available by March.

2.4 The themed review on Choice in Mental Health services has also been co-ordinated through the County Adults of Working Age Group (CAWAG). The Strategic Health Authority will be reporting back with their findings from the review early in 2006.

2.5 The self-assessment process was co-ordinated through CAWAG and involves a “traffic lighting” approach to reporting performance. There are 39 assessed standards compared with 41 the previous year. The Strategic Health Authority validated the self-assessment at a meeting with CAWAG on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Annex 1 – Provides the position statement with performance against 39 standards.

### 3. OUTCOME OF REVIEW

- 3.1 The validation meeting with SHA highlighted a number of key issues for further action and progress to be made – table below illustrates the areas for specific action to be taken by CAWAG.  
Annex 2 – SHA feedback letter for LIT assessment.

Criteria	Reason
3b Primary /secondary interface	Better coordination needed to get to green but unable to identify real barriers
5 Crisis Resolution Services	More work needed to ensure robust coverage and consistency across Glos
6 Early Intervention Services	Better progress needed in this area Needs to link with CAMHs development group Expect to move to green by Dec 2006
9. Support Time and Recovery Workers	Joint Commissioning Manager (JCM) to confirm with Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) the criteria for people working in the voluntary sector
24 Governance	Local Implementation Team (LIT) could be green with more effort to share information and performance monitoring across the agencies.
32 Advocacy	LIT needs to consider how to develop this service, particularly in the light of the pending Mental Health Bill
39 Dual Diagnosis	Should be able to move to green quickly given the connections between the LIT and the Drug Action Team.

- 3.2 It should be noted that there are inconsistencies in service provision across the county. The assessment identifies the countywide position and does not necessarily reflect the reality in each PCT, for instance there is currently no Early Intervention service provided at all in West Gloucestershire, however because there is provision elsewhere in the County the assessment shows as amber rather than red.
- 3.3 The West Gloucestershire Local Implementation Group (LIG) reviewed the assessment in December 2005 and agreed the need to validate it at a local level in order that a true picture is created for the PCT area. This exercise is currently on going and will inform the strategic development of mental health services in West Gloucestershire.

## **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Members of the Board are asked to note the content of this report and to endorse the development of a full and strategic action plan to address all the performance areas identified within the assessment process and in particular, service areas highlighted by the SHA. This work will be taken forward by CAWAG with local input from the West Gloucestershire LIG.