

## North East, Yorkshire and Humber Regional Workshop

- The Terms of Reference (v3), drafted by Greg Slay (West Sussex) were accepted by the group.
- The national steering group members for the next twelve months were confirmed as follows: Pat Haslam (North East), Alwyn Davies (Yorkshire and Humber).
- The national coordinator for the next twelve months was confirmed as follows: Claire Barcham.

### **Priorities for the next twelve months:**

- To lobby for continuing financial support from SCIE for the Network to continue to develop.
- To lobby for administrative support for the national coordinator and the national steering group.
- To lobby for high quality mental health training material, re Malcolm King et al Training Modules.
- To lobby for high quality training to meet the transitional pathways for ASWs to become AMHPs.
- To lobby for high quality training material to meet the implementation of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.
- To lobby for a degree of consensus, standardisation, clarity and focus across England regarding the implementation of the MCA 2005, MHA Amendment, and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.
- To lobby for a degree of commonality across England regarding the 'operationalisation' of the MCA 2005, MHA Amendment, and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (ie. commonality of documentation, policies, procedures, protocols, etc).
- To lobby within CSIP to seek areas of commonality across England regarding the implementation and 'operationalisation' of the MCA 2005, MHA Amendment, and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, to prevent duplication and repetition of the work undertaken by the various LIGs and working groups.
- (With regard the implementation of the MHA Amendment, and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards the group were unable to reach a consensus regarding the implementation timetable. Some members were in favour of a staggered implementation, similar to the MCA 2005, others thought a staggered implementation was inherently problematic and unhelpful).

**Plus:**

- The ASW Leads to maintain regular contact with one another to share, disseminate, and circulate information relating to the challenges ahead.
- The North East group to continue to meet on a regular basis.
- The Yorkshire and Humber group to establish a regular pattern of meeting, starting initially, perhaps, on the back of the soon to be established Yorkshire and Humber ASW Interest Group (YASWIG) in November 2007, or perhaps at a separate meeting.
- Local ASW Leads to contact their CSIP LIG Leads to volunteer their participation on the various implementation working groups.
- Local ASW Leads to contact their regional Skills for Care regarding participation in the Regional Mental Health Groups and the development of the new PQ Framework, including the AMHP training pathways. (I chair the Yorkshire and Humber Skills For Care Mental Health Group so I can email the group about how they can participate).

**And finally:**

- The group wished to express a special vote of thanks to Claire for all her efforts in coordinating the National ASW Leads Network, and for being instrumental in 'growing' the network over the past two years or so. The group were universally appreciative of Claire's direction of the Network and for presenting a sense of clarity and focus regarding the Network's 'raison d'être'.

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