

Responsible Clinicians Workshop

Main points

ASW - AMHP

- GSCC will be responsible for AMHP training – all training providers will have to be approved by the GSCC.
- There was animosity expressed towards the GSCC – many ASW courses are closing down and training providers are experiencing difficulty getting approval from the GSCC.
- However, competition between providers could be positive in terms of ensuring high quality training.
- There was some discussion around whether training should become more practice-based rather than academic.
- There were complaints that the GSCC are not supporting ASWs, as Care Managers are being paid more than ASWs in the southern regions.
- ASWs wanted clarification on practical transitional training arrangements for ASWs to become AMHPs.
- Chris Merchant explained that Local Authorities will have to talk to training providers to make training available for staff at all levels. This will vary from region to region. There will be additional training funding for this, although many in the workshop feared this would not be enough.

Responsible Clinicians

- The training to be a Responsible Clinician will be for 3 days. A national advisory group will be responsible for monitoring it.
- Local authority has to allow an ASW to do the RC training. There will be limited spaces. Doctors will have priority over ASWs.
- To get the training as an RC, the ASW would have to apply for a job that required RC status, and if they got the job they would be given the training.
- There was concern that in reality this would make it very difficult for ASWs to become RCs. ASWs felt that many of them were effectively already doing RC's role, but were not being recognised as such.
- There was concern that RC roles would be too clinical and that it would be very hard for ASWs to apply for these roles.

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