

Glossary

ACES – Advanced clinical evaluation system

Also

Anxiety change expectancy scale, a 20-item self-reporting survey that assesses the possibility of being able to change an individual's anxiety level.

AMHS – Adult mental health services

AWYC – Action with Young Carers

A project set up by Barnardo's North West to support young carers in Liverpool and Bolton.

BICS – The Brief Intervention and Consultation Service

Provided by Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. The team operates in North Sefton, Southport and Formby and offers a quick response for children, adolescents, their families or carers who are experiencing difficulties.

CAF – Common assessment framework

A standardised approach to conducting an assessment into children's additional needs. Used by practitioners across children's services.

CAMHS - Child and adolescent mental health services

CMHT – Community mental health team

Groups (usually eight to 16 people) of various mental health professionals often working across various locations. One key worker will be linked with each service user and a care plan will be developed.

CPA – Care programme approach

The care programme approach became effective in England from 1 April 1991. It requires health authorities and social services to put in place specified arrangements for the care and treatment of mentally ill people in the community.

For more details please visit the Care Programme Approach Association website www.cpaa.co.uk

DoLS – Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Part of the Mental Health Act 2007 and implemented in April 2009. They apply to adults who suffer from a mental disorder who lack capacity to give informed consent when a deprivation of liberty is necessary to protect them from harm.

ECM – Every Child Matters

Name of the government's approach to the well-being of children aged from birth to 19 years, supported by the Children's Act 2004. A 10-year plan, The Children's Plan, was published in December 2007.

FAMILY Collaborative – Families affected by mental ill health in Liverpool

A project informed by the work already done by Keeping the Family in Mind project (see below). Run by Barnardo's North West, the collaborative used plan-do-study cycles to implement family-centred recommendations in Liverpool.

FIP – Family intervention programme

FIPs were first introduced in 2006 to provide direct support to anti-social families and alleviate adverse impacts in the community. FIPs work with families in residential, community-based and outreach settings, are multi-agency in approach and typically adopt what are referred to as "assertive" and "persuasive" styles of working with families. More recently FIPs have been asked to work preventatively with vulnerable and disadvantaged families.

GHQ – General health questionnaire

A measure of current mental health that screens for minor psychiatric disorders, developed in the 1970s. Originally containing 60 questions, several shorter versions have been developed.

IAPT - Improving access to psychological therapies

The IAPT programme works with PCTs supporting people who are suffering from depression and anxiety disorders.

www.iapt.nhs.uk

JCG – Joint commissioning group

The Home Office describes commissioning as "the process in which two or more commissioning agents act together to co-ordinate their commissioning, taking joint responsibility for the translation of strategy into action."

KFIM – Keeping the Family in Mind

A small development project set up by Barnardo's North West in 2000 to improve service provision around parental mental health. See also FAMILY Collaborative, above.

LAC – Looked after children

A term introduced by the Children's Act 1989 referring to children who are in public care who are placed in foster care, residential homes or sometimes with members of their extended family. This can happen voluntarily in agreement with parents or in response to a care order. There are about 60,000 LAC in the UK.

LMHC – Liverpool Mental Health Consortium

Promotes cross-agency partnership when developing mental health services. One of the members of the SCIE guidance implementation group. LMHC is led by service users

LSCB – Local Safeguarding Children Board

In place since April 1996. LSCBs are groups of key agencies, including local authorities, health bodies, the police and others, working together on safeguarding issues. They are statutory bodies, required under the Children's Act 2004, and replace area child protection committees.

MHA – Mental Health Act

Most recent amendment is the Mental Health Act 2007.

MCA – Mental Capacity Act 2005

SCIE- Social Care Institute for Excellence

Established by Government in 2001 to improve social care services for adults and children in the United Kingdom.

TAS – Team around the school

An integrated team of professionals centred around a school to offer advice on children's additional needs, such as speech and language, psychology, occupational therapy and community nursing.

TAC – Team around the child.

Brings together parents and practitioners, regardless of agency boundaries, into a small, individualised team for each particular child who has been identified as having additional needs

YCs – Young carers

Children and young people aged under-18 who provide care for another family member.