

Scrutiny review proposal

1 What is the review?

Review theme : Public Health / Health inequalities

Focus: BME Psychosis: prevalence and access to services.

2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?

A reduction in the risk of BME community members developing Psychosis and improved access to treatment.

Agencies the review seeks to influence are :

The council

SLaM

Southwark Clinical Commissioning group

Partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board

3 When should the review be carried out/completed? i.e. does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?

Initial scoping will take place in the municipal year 2012/13. The new health scrutiny committee may choose to complete the review if they consider there is sufficient evidence to warrant a full investigation and they wish to prioritise this area of work .

4 What format would suit this review? (e.g. full investigation, Q&A with cabinet member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)

The first priority will be to establish a robust evidence base by requesting papers and comment from council officers, SLaM, Public Health, CCG and LINK / Healthwatch

5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?

A clearer understanding of the prevalence of Psychosis amongst Southwark residents and its present treatment by SLaM.

International good practice in the prevention and treatment of Psychosis.

An initial exploration of the links to the wider social determinates of health and the development of Psychosis, in particular the very high level of Psychosis in Black BME communities.

An understanding of how agencies work together to tackle these and undertake preventative work.

The impact of welfare reform and economic difficulties on those at risk .

Existing reports done by the former LINK on the equality of access of the BME community to mental health services.

Clarity on why the Black BME community has a higher prevalence of Psychosis but is proportionally seen by mental health teams / IAPT and is under represented in Psychological Therapy Service (and if this is relevant).

Preventing physical ill health in people with Psychosis.

6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?

Initially : council officers, SLaM, Public Health, CCG and LINK / Healthwatch

A full review would seek the involvement of the wider community, including BME groups and groups involved with mental health advocacy and service delivery, both local, London wide and nationally.

7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?

SLaM will be asked to provide good practice from the Institute of Psychiatry

THE ABANDONED ILLNESS A report by the Schizophrenia Commission

8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?

e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event

Presentations and reports will be sought for the first stage.