Your Mental Health Network

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The Mental Health Network is the voice for mental health and learning disability service providers in England.

We represent NHS providers from across the statutory, independent and third sectors in working with government, regulators, opinion formers, media and the wider NHS to promote excellence in mental health services and the importance of good mental health.

We support and engage our members by providing up-to-date news and analysis on key policy issues and by connecting them with decision makers and opinion formers.

In 2018/19 your network:

- Held more than 80 meetings, with chief executives, chairs and directors of our member organisations and major national stakeholders
- Held top-level meetings with senior politicians as part of our work with the Mental Health Policy Group
- Launched 5 new publications and briefings covering key developments in mental health policy and presented at 13 conferences
Ongoing work 2019/20

2019/20 will see us continue much of our existing work while also embarking on some exciting new programmes and initiatives.

**NHS Long Term Plan**
In 2018, ahead of its publication, the Network ensured that member views were fed into the development of the NHS Long Term Plan throughout the process. In 2019/20 we will continue to support member engagement with the plan as the focus shifts towards its implementation. Sean Duggan will continue to sit on NHS England’s Long Term Plan steering group. The network will ensure that members are kept informed of progress and closely engaged in the development of implementation guidance.

**Mental Health Act review**
The Network was proud to spend much of 2018 contributing to the independent review of the Mental Health Act. Sean Duggan served as chair of the topic group on ‘addressing rising detentions’ as well as sitting on the review’s advisory group. Following the review’s publication at the end of 2018, we will be focussing this year on ensuring that the government commits to delivering on the review’s recommendations.

**Equality, diversity and inclusion**
A particular focus for the network in 2019/20 will be furthering our commitment to improving equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) within the mental health sector. As well as being a key discussion point at our 2019 annual conference and exhibition, EDI will feature as a strong theme in our member events and communications.

**Brexit**
As we head towards Brexit and beyond in 2019/20, the network will continue to represent members’ interests nationally. We will continue to work as part of the Cavendish Coalition, with 36 other health and social care organisations, to monitor the implications of Brexit on health and care; and as a member of the Brexit Health Alliance which brings together NHS, medical research, industry, patients and public health organisations to safeguard the interests of patients and the healthcare and research they rely on.

**Mental health economics collaborative**
Our exciting joint programme with the Centre for Mental Health and the London School of Economics will continue in 2019, delivering in-depth economic evaluations of innovative mental health services and member briefings.

**Member forums**
The Mental Health Medical Directors’ Forum is a dedicated, independent group. It provides a place for discussion, sharing of experience and practice, peer support and the provision of a stronger and clearer voice for mental health medical executive level leaders. 2018 saw the forum hold its first national event on new and emerging roles in mental health services, with learning from the event being fed into Health Education England’s work planning. We will continue our work on member forums in 2019, bringing together new communities of interest among our membership.

**Workforce**
The MHN will continue to work on what the future of the mental health workforce should look like, following on from the publication of our report with the Centre for Mental Health, supported by Health Education England and NHS Employers, in the Autumn of 2017. We will continue to work with partners, including Health Education England, on projects relating to the key recommendations made in the report.

**Aspiring nursing directors’ programme**
The network will continue to develop our new aspiring nursing directors’ programme, set up in partnership with the Mental Health Nurse Directors’ Forum. The first meeting will focus on the NHS Long-Term Plan and its implications for the nursing profession and wider mental health services. The forum’s steering group will also use the opportunity to develop a wider workplan for the programme through 2019 and beyond.
This year’s highlights

**MARCH**
- Our annual conference at The King’s Fund brought together over 100 delegates who heard from speakers including Claire Murdoch CBE (National Mental Health Director, NHS England), Niall Dickson CBE (Chief Executive, NHS Confederation) and Ian Dalton CBE (Chief Executive, NHS Improvement).
- This month the network took part in an advisory group meeting with Professor Sir Simon Wessely as part of the independent review of the Mental Health Act.

**APRIL**
- The network co-hosted the Unlocking the Midlands’ Productivity: Aligning Mental Health, Skills and Innovation event on aligning mental health with local innovation.

**MAY**
- The BBC quoted Sean in response to a report from the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch on difficulties relating to transitions for young people.
- This month the network met with Lisa Bayliss-Pratt (Chief Nurse, Health Education England), Lord Willis, Karen Mead (National Head of Psychological Wellbeing, Help for Heroes) and Jackie Doyle-Price MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health and Social Care).

**JUNE**
- Professor Sir Simon Wessely invited Sean Duggan to chair the topic group on addressing rising detentions, as part of the second phase of the independent review of the Mental Health Act. This topic group was integral to one of the main purposes of the review and provided an excellent opportunity for MHN members to engage in this important piece of work.
- The network held a private dinner for 20 members with Ian Dalton CBE (Chief Executive, NHS Improvement) and Baroness Dido Harding (Chair, NHS Improvement).
- The network chaired a mainstage plenary session on workforce mental health at the annual NHS Confederation conference, Confed18. The session featured Paul Farmer CBE (Chief Executive, Mind), Teresa Jennings, (Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Occupational Health, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust) and Nigel Jones (Chair, City Mental Health Alliance) and was attended by over 800 delegates.

**JULY**
- The network proudly joined the NHS Confederation’s celebrations marking 70 years of the NHS, including services at York Minster and Westminster Abbey.

**AUGUST**
- This month the network hosted a private meeting with Claire Murdoch CBE (National Director for Mental Health, NHS England) to allow members to directly feed their views into the development of the NHS Long Term Plan.
- We met with Joan Saddler (Associate Director of Patients and Communities, NHS Confederation, and Co-Chair, NHS Equality and Diversity Council) to further develop our work on equality, diversity and inclusion.

**SEPTEMBER**
- We took part in events at political party conferences, including fringe sessions on the topic of integration and working more closely with local authorities.
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The network held our first ever mental health and housing dinner, jointly hosted by the MHN with our board members Beatrice Fraenkel Hon FRIBA and Chris Hampson. We were joined by senior representatives from housing associations as well as existing network members.

We held the second in our series of member roundtables centred on the development of the NHS Long Term Plan. Chaired by Rebecca Cotton, Claire Murdoch CBE again attended this private meeting of around 20 MHN members to hear the views of providers about current challenges in the system and to feed into the emerging priorities.

We held a roundtable for NHS Confederation members with mental health lead responsibilities from STPs. A number of our members attended alongside senior colleagues from CCGs and Claire Murdoch CBE.

We marked the publication of the NHS Long Term Plan by publishing our on-the-day briefing for members.

We were joined for a private member dinner by the new chief executive of the Care Quality Commission, Jan Trenholm, along with Dr Paul Lelliott, (Deputy Chief Inspector Hospitals (lead for mental health)).

This month, our Medical Directors’ Forum held a seminar on the Learning from Deaths programme, delivered by Dr Matt Fogarty (Deputy Director of Patient Safety (Policy and Strategy), NHS Improvement).

We held the third in our series of private member meetings on the NHS Long Term Plan with Claire Murdoch CBE joining a Chatham House roundtable to listen to members’ views on the published plan.

The network returned to one of the most inspiring events in the mental health calendar as a proud sponsor of the Positive Practice in Mental Health awards. We supported the prize for ‘specialist services with a particular focus on dementia, substance misuse/dual diagnosis, employment, housing or education’ and attended the awards dinner to cheer on our members who were nominated for several of the 20 award categories.

We were joined by Lord Willis, Lisa Bayliss-Pratt and Professor Ian Cumming OBE for our most popular member dinner yet, featuring a discussion on the future of the mental health workforce.

Sean Duggan was quoted in The Sun, City AM, The Telegraph, Daily Mail and Nursing Times, in response to the 2018 Budget.

The network held our flagship annual conference and exhibition, MHN19, at The King’s Fund in London. The programme included a keynote address from Claire Murdoch CBE, as well as other high-profile speakers including Sheena Cumiskey, Lord Victor Adebowale, Marie Gabriel CBE and Lord Prior.

We joined several of our members at the NHS Confederation’s Christmas Parliamentary Reception, where we heard from guest speakers including Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP (Secretary of State for Health and Social Care).

This month, the network, along with our members, attended a small digital round table with Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, hosted by the NHS Confederation. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for members to meet with the Secretary of State, while highlighting the innovative digital work that they are doing.

We published our ‘Modernising the Mental Health Act’ briefing, summarising the findings of the independent review of the Mental Health Act.
The Mental Health Network is run by members for members. We are a self-governing grassroots movement with a board elected by our membership.
Our members in 2019/20

2gether NHS Foundation Trust
Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust
Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Choice Support
Clinical Partners
Combat Stress
Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Cygnet Health Care
Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Devon Partnership NHS Trust
Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
East London NHS Foundation Trust
Elysium Healthcare
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
Healios
Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
Hestia
Home Group
Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust
Ieso Digital Health
Isle of Wight NHS Trust
Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust
Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust
Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Look Ahead Care and Support Ltd
Mental Health Concern
Mental Health First Aid
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
North East London NHS Foundation Trust
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust
Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Nuffield Health
One Housing Group
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Place2be
Priory Healthcare
Rethink Mental Illness
Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust
Sheffield Health & Social Care NHS Foundation Trust
Solent NHS Trust
Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
South West London & St George’s Mental Health NHS Trust
South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust
St Andrew’s Healthcare
Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
The Huntercombe Group
Together for Mental Wellbeing
Turning Point
West London Mental Health NHS Trust
Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust
XenZone
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The network has 70 member organisations, which includes over 90 per cent of statutory providers (NHS foundation trusts and trusts) and a number of independent and third sector organisations. Our membership also includes housing associations to reflect the link between mental wellbeing and safe, affordable accommodation.

For more about our work, visit www.nhsconfed.org/mhn or email mentalhealthnetwork@nhsconfed.org