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## **Payment by Results (PbR) for Mental Health Services Project Update**

This fact sheet provides a short update on recent development work in establishing national currencies for use in the commissioning of mental health services.

## **Payment by Results (PbR) guidance**

The main PbR guidance for 2011/12 was published on 18 February on the DH website. Chapter 9 covers mental health. Revisions are made to the guidance from time to time, and it was last amended in April 2011

The guidance can be accessed via this web link:  
[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_124356](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_124356)

We intend to publish the draft mental health PbR guidance for 2012/13 in September 2011, ahead of the rest of the PbR guidance. This will have a particular focus on guidance to help commissioners.

## **Mental Health PbR Development - Costing**

The guidance and template to help organisations to cost on a cluster basis are now available on the DH PbR

website. A reminder that the timetable for the cost collection exercises are:

Reference cost collection June 2011  
Cluster cost collection Sep 2011

A number of organisations have been piloting the template and guidance and will be submitting some initial costing information to DH. This will help inform any further revisions to the template and guidance.

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## **IAPT**

In order to understand fully how IAPT services relate to PbR clusters two pieces of work are being carried out:

1. The Care Packages and Pathways Project (CPPP) will carry out a mapping exercise. This will test if IAPT patients can be mapped to clusters using the MHCT and if current cluster descriptors are adequate for describing IAPT patients. In addition, if IAPT metrics can be used to identify which MH cluster a patient should be allocated to.

This work will be carried out from May – July and report in September. The study will also be informed by clustering initiatives already conducted in IAPT services in SLAM, West Midland and East of England.

2. The IAPT programme will progress its plan to conduct a pilot to test out an outcomes based approach to allocating patients to a national currency. The programme is currently recruiting resource to manage the pilot. It is expected that the pilot will be conducted between September and March.

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## Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

A workshop took place on 23 May to which those people were invited that had expressed an interest in joining a CAMHS sub-group. At the workshop, Dr Ann York and Dr Raphael Kelvin set out the proposed approach to developing future CAMHS currencies and reported on the evaluation of the SENTRY and HONOSCA assessment tools. We are now finalising the business case to secure the funding for a project team to develop the currencies and associated products.

The sub-group membership will be confirmed shortly. They will provide expert review of the products as they are developed. A wider web-based network will be set up where we will post documents and it will provide a wider forum to share ideas and best practice.

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## National Algorithm

The two training days for clinicians agreeing to provide data for the algorithm project took place on 31 March and 4 April in Birmingham. A data collection exercise is now underway. This data will be analysed by Box Clever and inform the proposals for developing an algorithm based on national data.

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## Secure and forensic services

The sub-group has made good progress recently in determining how it might cluster the secure population into groups that would then help in determining currencies and costs and eventually tariff. It has been agreed that using the 21 clusters will help in linking the secure population to working age adult services, as well as assisting in determining the standard interventions required to meet identified needs.

The sub-group have also agreed that the five forensic pathways will help in determining the additional specific needs of the population, the range of specific interventions that should be provided, and the likely lengths of stay associated with meeting those needs within the context of offending behaviour, risk and the additional restrictions that result.

The group have agreed a practical way of applying this clustering model through initial assessment (identifying one of 21 clusters), admission and three month standard assessment (identifying one of 5 forensic pathways). This model is currently being tested out across a number of secure services.

We expect the currencies to be introduced in 2013/14.

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## Quality and outcomes

As reported in the last factsheet the group is leading 3 pieces of work to establish a set of indicators and

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outcome measures for each of the 21 clusters that can be recommended for use as an integral part of the PbR process for Mental Health.

The first piece of work is a pragmatic approach using data currently collected as part of MHMDS v3.5 and the current IAPT data set. 10 indicators have been extracted and analysed and a report is currently being produced that will recommend guidance on how these can be used as an integral part of the currency methodology during 2012/13. The report should be available in June 2011.

A second piece of work will look at the additional data items that are routinely collected and how these could be used to enhance the set of indicators.

A web based tool is under development which will provide guidance on the content of care packages for each of the 21 clusters based on current evidence and best practice.

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### Electronic networks

We are planning to set up a number of managed electronic networks over the next few weeks. These will allow DH and mental health providers and commissioners to post documents and share good practice, and discuss issues and answer FAQs on-line. As an initial step we will be contacting all our current stakeholders inviting them to join these networks as they are built.

### Immediate Timetable

#### *Meetings Summer 2011*

MH PbR Expert Reference Panel 30 June

MH PbR Product Review Group 5 July

### Further Information

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