Theme Group – Mental Health, Dementia & Learning Disabilities

Action Plan

Aim	Progress
A. Co-ordination of release dates and analysis	1. Organisations have started sharing with each other details of planned work in advance, including indicative release dates.
	2. Where possible, release dates will be coordinated and publications will be shared prior to release.
	3. We will avoid duplication of similar analyses but collaborate where possible and be mindful of opportunities for joint badging of outputs.
	4. We will better understand the different outputs each organisation produces. We will develop user communications to make it clearer why different products exist and the benefits of each for users.
	5. Achieved – Monthly from May 2018 – co-ordinated release on the same day (super stats Thursday) of NHS Digital statistics (MHSDS and IAPT), NHS England (Combined Performance Summary)
	6. Earlier access to data - NHS Digital and PHE to explore whether it would be possible for PHE to have earlier access to the CYP MH survey dataset to enable new prevalence rates to be published as early as possible.
B. Combined activity to improve accuracy of data	1. Collaborative data quality improvement group across organisations are working to improve data quality of MHSDS, in particular. This group are working collaboratively to achieve joint data quality improvement plan including how to remove duplicate data collections.
	2. We will consider how to better inform users about data quality issues.

C. Harmonise methods and definitions	1. We will examine methodology issues and agree a consistent approach as far as possible and appropriate. 2. We will share methodologies including indicator production and better understand our different methodology processes. Initially we've identified that readmissions, mortality and how PHE/NHS use either people or place is not consistent and we will share these methodologies. 3. Where we identify that differences in methodology need to continue, we will be clearer with users about these differences and explain why they are necessary.
D. User engagement	1. The MH data hub hosted by NHS Digital will be used as the central place to signpost users to MH data available across the system. We will consider how best to promote the use of this and seek user feedback. 2. We will explore how to better sign post users about future outputs. 3. The group will consider the benefits of undertaking joint user engagement activity on mental health outputs.

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