

Older People's Mental Health Day Services Panel

The role of this panel will be to receive and to action all referrals for mental health day services. Referrals will be accepted directly from any professional, from the joint referral meetings or from the panel members.

As the places for day services are either purchased as a block contract or provided by health the panel will not at this stage be required to commission care packages.

Each service will produce a weekly list of vacancies for the panel

The panel will be accessing the following resources

- Redwood and St Giles (Milton Keynes Council)
- Linford day unit (Milton Keynes PCT)
- Meecham and Manor Road (Red cross day centres) in consultation with Team Manager Physical Frailty Team
- Kitchener centre (Age Concern)

The panel recognises that the Red Cross day centres are primarily/also *an* frail elderly resource and in order to ensure equity of access the panel must also establish a link within this referral system. This link will initially be through the chair of the mental health day service panel.

The panel members will be

- Joint commissioning manager for mental health (chair)
- Senior nurse Linford day unit (deputy chair) as required
- Linford day unit manager
- Group leader redwood and St Giles
- Age concern day services manager (Kitchener centre)

Referrals for clients in crisis who require immediate access to services will be accepted by the responsible person for each service and the service started as appropriate. These referrals will then be discussed at the next panel.

The panel will meet weekly for a three months pilot project starting on the 1st of August. at the end of this pilot there will be a review and evaluation involving all stakeholders

It is hoped that this panel will lead to further development and joint working within day care services. It will link in with the proposed review of frail elderly day services.

