

Notes of the Performance Co-ordinating Group Meeting 29th August

The performance co-ordinating group is a quarterly meeting between CSCI, DH, ADSS, and Health Care Commission in which the CSCI present proposals about PI definitions, and other developments for discussion before being formally adopted by the ADSS.

The notes below concentrate on only some of the items discussed - those with practical outcomes or of immediate concern or where SSRG members may be able to contribute to the debate.

Bandings of Performance Indicators for 2005/2006. AO/C72 Residential admissions for older people.

The various changes to definition of the PI AO/C72 [admissions of older people to residential care] (previously C26) have had a significant impact on reported performance. If the bandings stayed the same scores of LAs would drop 1, 2 or more bands, without having changed practice or performance. The CSCI propose an amendment to bandings which would result in a much less draconian shift in bandings, which ADSS welcomed. CSCI agreed to look again at the data for the handful of LAs which even under these more benign proposals would still drop two bands or more.

Similarly for **AO/A60 Drug Rehabilitation** the CSCI propose to use 03/04 data for comparison with 05/06 data rather than 04/05 data for banding purposes. This

again is to ensure that there are not grave changes in bandings which are caused by strict interpretation of the definition rather than changes in practice.

Performance Assessment Process 2006/2007

CSCI confirmed that for 06/07 they intend to use the current PIs mapped against the seven Our Health, Our Care, Our Say outcomes (plus leadership and commissioning), while at the same time the CSCI develop ways of measuring outcomes which can in future form part of the evidence used in the performance assessment process. The CSCI outlined the four routes into contributing to the consultation on the PAF:

- On 25th September CSCI will write to Directors seeking comments about DIS data items, their relevance, possible new items and possible deletions of current data items.
- Individual responses are welcomed to be made available to the CSCI by 6th October, using the formal template provided. More discursive comments are also welcomed.

- The event on 15th September to which ADSS reps have been invited.
- A meeting with the ADSS at strategic level towards the end of the consultation process.

Measuring outcomes

Nick Miller continues to work on how best we might measure outcomes in such a way as produces robust evidence. He repeated the request for comments, ideas and suggestions from ADSS members, and anyone else for that matter, about how we can best measure outcomes - especially in relation to the delivery and impact of community equipment on people lives, the use and impact of care plans and the pattern of hospital discharge and intermediate care arrangements.

2006/07 reporting activity

There is to be no DIS update required this autumn. However the DH will require an update on how well LAs are doing in delivering the Department of Health Public Service Agreement about services for Older People. Data from the HH1 will be