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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 for 2012/13**

The draft guidance for 2012/13 for mental health was published on 6 October. The closing date for feedback has now passed and we are in the process of reviewing this. The guidance can be found on this link:

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_130196](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_130196)

As well as the guidance there are examples of an MOU in use between commissioners and providers and of packages of care that will be provided for each cluster.

## **Costing – cluster reference costs**

Reference costs for 2010-11 have been collected on both a bed day basis (current structure) and a cluster basis. The cluster-based costs were returned in September. 85 providers responded to the cluster reference cost exercise, although only 57 were able to provide cluster data. Analysis of the data shows a wide variation of the cluster cost per

day per service user, although some clusters are more congruent than others. However, in general those clusters that you would expect to be more expensive are. It is planned to share and publish the anonymised data with some further analysis and commentary.

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## **Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)**

After a tendering process, we have now appointed Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation trust to lead a consortium to take forward the development of national currencies for CAMHS PbR. The trust started work at the beginning of October and is currently finalising the project team. It is envisaged that the work will take three years with the currencies being mandated for use in 2015/16. An expert advisory group has been established and met for the first time on 7 November 2011. For further information about the project, or if you are interested in joining the virtual network, please contact Barbara Fittall, development manager for CAMHS.

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## **National Algorithm**

Whilst we have now received a good quantity of data we still need more, particularly for some of the psychotic clusters. We have therefore decided to extend the collection period until the end of November. This will push back our delivery of the algorithm until the beginning of 2012.

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## Secure and forensic services

The report from the secure and forensic group is available on the DH website at [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/NHSFinancialReforms/DH\\_4137762](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/NHSFinancialReforms/DH_4137762). Work over the next few months will focus on producing a Forensic clustering booklet including Care Transition, developing a training plan to support all participating pilot sites to prepare for participation, establishing a plan for testing the currency model in practice that links together the classification system and the currency sub group methodology, and producing a currency manual

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## Quality and outcomes

The Project Board have recently endorsed the first report from the Quality & Outcomes sub group, outlining the work to date and the next phase of project work to be taken forward. The report can be found in full at [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/NHSFinancialReforms/DH\\_4137762](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/NHSFinancialReforms/DH_4137762)

The report includes 4 phases of work:  
1 - use of 8 metrics that are currently collected on a national basis, linking them to the 21 clusters, and reviewing performance locally to begin the introduction of quality indicators on a clusters basis as an integral part of the PbR process

2 - Ongoing work looking at a broader range of metrics that are also currently part of MHMDS and establishing how to

make better use of them on a cluster basis

3 - Extending the use of MHCT data. A group involving the CPPP and the RCPsych are looking at what individual MHCT items are key on a cluster basis, that could be used to determine quality and outcome

4 - The development of a web based tool to provide guidance on the content of care packages for each of the 21 clusters.

### What can be done now?

Providers and commissioners should be working together to explore the use of the initial 8 metrics detailed within the report to begin establishing the use of quality indicators and outcome measures as key component of the PbR process.

Further information will be published as it becomes available

Anyone interested in this topic can visit the quickr site where information in developments will be posted. For those people wishing to join the site please contact Rosa Alexander on [rosa.alexander@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:rosa.alexander@dh.gsi.gov.uk)  
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## Learning disabilities

A workshop was held on 15 September to discuss developing and piloting the mental health learning disability clustering tool and possible currencies, based on the work undertaken in the West Midlands. A training has taken place on 24 November at Skipton House in London. Please contact Ashok Roy for further details on:

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## Further Information

### Readiness review

The SHA's sponsored a brief study to understand the readiness of mental health providers and commissioners for the introduction of mental health PbR. The review was undertaken by Mental Health Strategies and carried out using the format of structured interviews with senior staff. The NHS Confederation will be publishing the review once signed off by the SHAs. Actions were suggested for DH, SHAs and for commissioners and providers. More detail on how these will be taken forward will be included in the next factsheet.

The HFMA carried out a more qualitative survey on readiness with Directors of Finance in providers, a report on this can be accessed via this link:

<http://www.hfma.org.uk/download.ashx?type=infoservice&id=372>

The HFMA have now undertaken a survey of commissioners.  
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### Immediate Timetable

30 November 2011 mental health project board  
12 December 2011 mental health expert reference panel  
18 January 2012 mental health product review group

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