Personality Disorder Treatment in Northern Ireland – Where are we now

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hello my name is...

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The NHS PD Services in NI in 2010

- Sparse
- Beginning of PD service in Belfast
- No other specialist PD services regionally

But Launch of

PERSONALITY DISORDER: A DIAGNOSIS FOR INCLUSION

THE NORTHERN IRELAND PERSONALITY DISORDER STRATEGY

JUNE 2010

- General psychiatry
- CMHT key worker
- Clinical psychology
- Psychotherapy services





Alongside & Since then ...



Borderline personality disorder: recognition and management

Clinical guideline
Published: 28 January 2009
nice.org.uk/guidance/cg78

Antisocial personality disorder: prevention and management

Clinical guideline Published: 28 January 2009 nice.org.uk/guidance/cg77

DELIVERING THE BAMFORD VISION

The Response of the Northern Ireland Executive to the Bamford Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability

ACTION PLAN 2012-2015

A Strategic Framework for Adult Mental Health Services

Executive Summary



The Consensus Statement for People with Complex Mental Health Difficulties who are diagnosed with a Personality Disorder





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The Evidence for Treatment

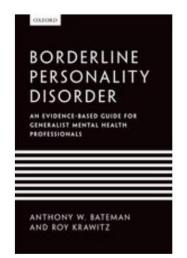
- Continues to grow for psychological treatments for the treatment of borderline personality disorder (BPD) and self harm in the context of BPD
- NICE
 - Mentalisation Based Treatment (MBT)
 - Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)
 - Transference focused Psychotherapy (TfP)
- Also
 - Schema Therapy Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
 - Cognitive Analytic Therapy CAT
- Essentially an acceptance that all of these therapies work
- Good Psychiatric Management or Structured Clinical Management is almost as good as specialist therapies – "carefully considered, well structured and coherent" psychological informed treatment helps



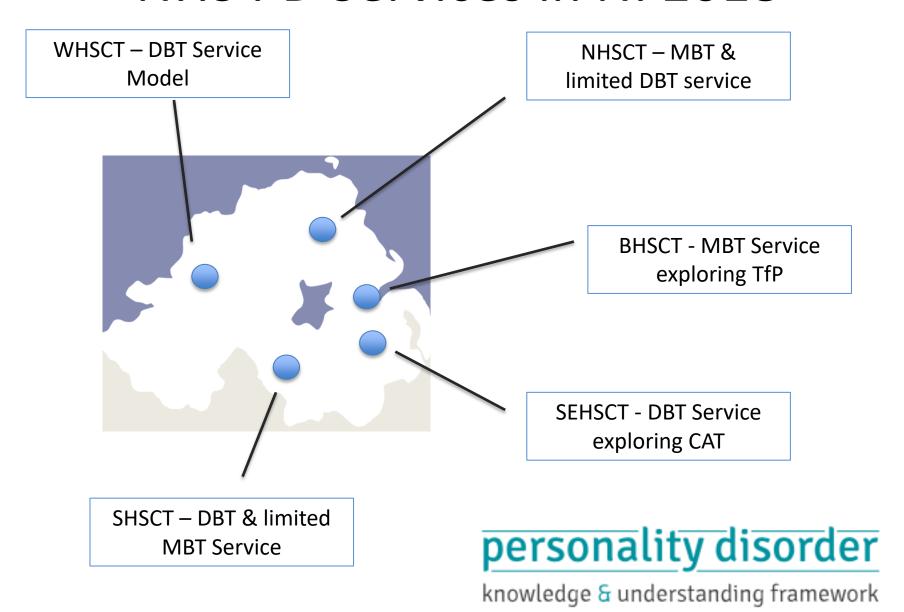


Panel 1: Five common characteristics of evidence-based treatments for borderline personality disorder

- Structured (manual directed) approaches to prototypic borderline personality disorder problems
- 2 Patients are encouraged to assume control of themselves (ie, sense of agency)
- 3 Therapists help connections of feelings to events and actions
- 4 Therapists are active, responsive, and validating
- 5 Therapists discuss cases, including personal reactions, with others



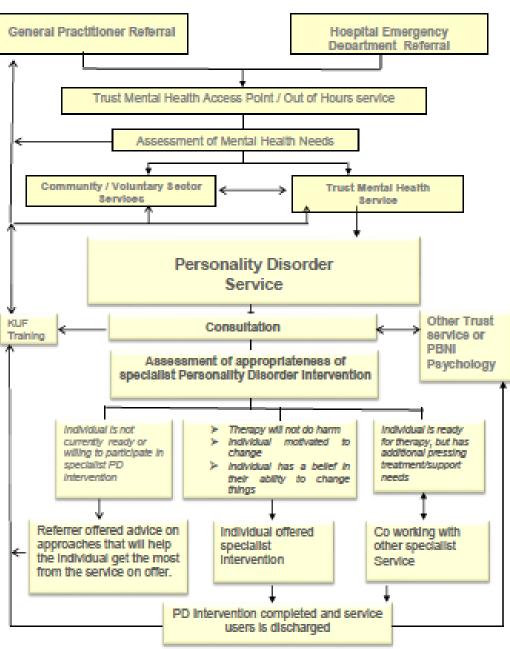
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Diagram 1: Care Pathway at aGlance



BHSCT Self Harm PD Service MBT Treatment Pathway

Referral Source (PMHT) Detailed Referral Form Information Consultation Session and Opt-in **Patient** Assessment Reflective Practice **MDT** Discussion **Psychiatric Review** Clinic Post Assessment Review

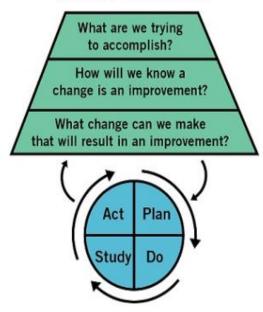
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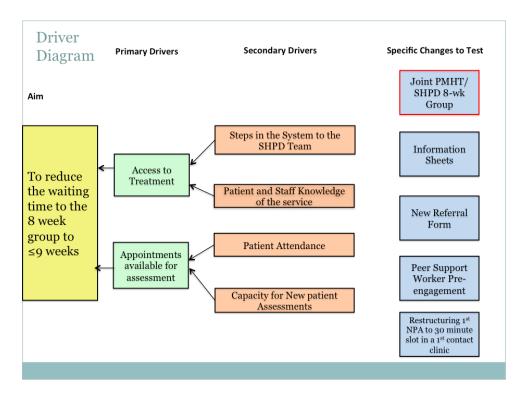
Group

8 Week Psychoeducational group 12 Week MBT-I group 18 Month MBT group and individual 12 month period of self activated reviews

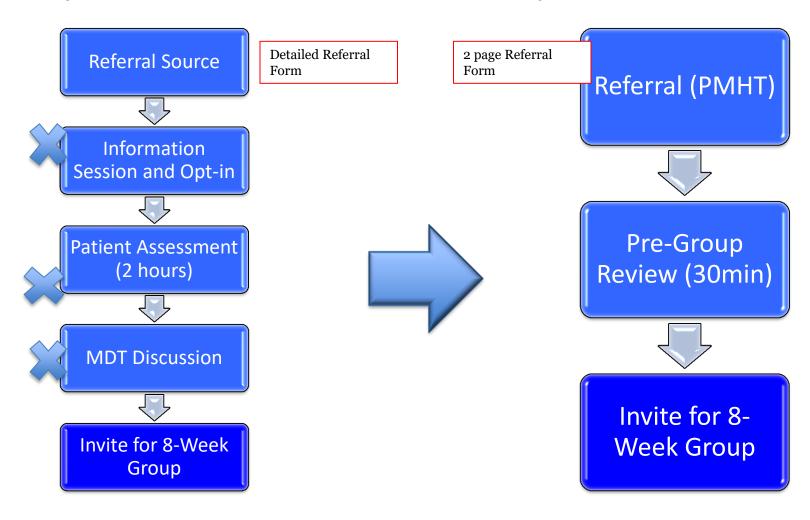
BHSCT Increasing Access to Treatment with Quality Improvement

Model for Improvement

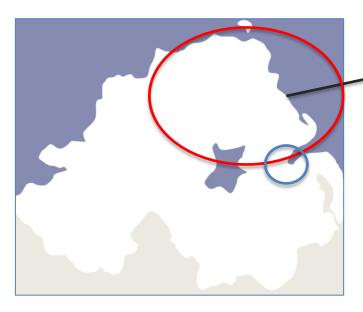




Removing Steps in the Process – Psychoeducational Group in the CMHT



Challenges of Rural Spread in NI



- Versions of hub & spoke
 - Main treatment in central base
 - Rotate psychoed groups around rural locations
 - Having fixed outposts could help make booking of rooms easier
- Challenges of practitioners becoming isolated

NHSCT – MBT & DBT service

- Transport & associated costs
 - Bursary for patients
 - Venues close to public transport
 - Expenses for staff
- Benefit can be that in rural areas families are more supportive
 - Potential that family support groups more vital in those areas
- Some areas provided support groups less regularly where intensive therapy groups could not be sustained
- Experiences of patients being very committed to travelling and engaging in treatment they wanted

Potential Learning From NI PD Services

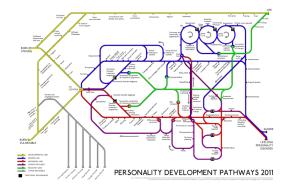
- A main therapeutic model is essential to begin with
- An MDT team is essential
- Co-production is vital
- Therapeutic Challenges
 - Evidence based treatments often involve groups
 - Where does counseling and psychotherapy sit
 - Arts therapies
- Integrate both clinical measurement tools and formulations from the outset

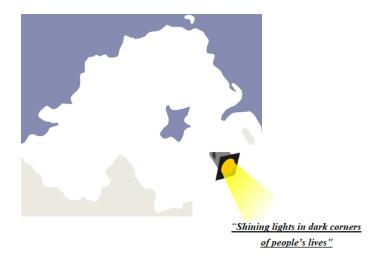
Service Challenges

- Managing expectation
 - Specialist psychotherapy service not a CMHT for PD
 - Need to maintain a 'close to the front door' not 'ivory tower' ethos
 - Joint working and consultation
- Once a patient is with they service 'they have a PD' as far as other services are concerned
- Occupational-social recovery is a challenge
- Diagnosis
 - Growing SU preference for Complex PTSD
 - Differential diagnoses of Autism and ADHD
- ECRs Not everyone manages outpatient psychotherapy for PD

If I was starting from the beginning

- QI with SU input
- Test with a small group of patients
- Measure clinically and service utilisation eg. GP, ED
- Work closely with CMHT





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SAFER CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH PERSONALITY DISORDER

The National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by People with Mental Illness

