

The Wales Mental Health in Primary Care

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Subject: The Bereavement Support Service

Since the Bereavement Support Service was established, extremely complex cases have been referred from psychiatric services and GPs generally. Some referrals were inappropriate, in that clients were non compliant or unaware. Sometimes the people were too fragile emotionally to consider working on their grief without more support than that could be provided within the Carmarthenshire Bereavement Support model.

Project Aims

To work in partnership with colleagues with the Community Mental Health Team, in-patient ward and the Carmarthenshire Bereavement Support Service.

To improve and monitor any necessary changes for referral of practice between the two services.

To enable efficient client assessment and care pathways to relevant services.

To improve collaboration between the Carmarthenshire NHS Trust and the Pembrokeshire and Derwen NHS Trust (i.e. Bereavement Support Service, the Wellfield Road Psychiatric Day Care Service and the Community Mental Health Team at Wellfield Road).

To identify and bring out good practice

To facilitate the exchange of information and skills to the best advantage of the shared clientele.

To increase client participation and awareness within referral pathways.

To formulate a joint working policy on referrals and support between the Psychiatric Services and the Bereavement Support Services in Carmarthenshire

To monitor the effective application of the proposed joint working policy within the Carmarthenshire and the Pembrokeshire and Derwen NHS Trust

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