National Review of Mental Health Nursing in Scotland

Notes from Steering Group Workshop – held on 26th of May 2005 9.30am-12.30pm, NHS Education for Scotland, Hanover Buildings, 66 Rose Street, Edinburgh

1. Present
Carol Watson     NHS Education for Scotland
Stephen Hodgson  ADSW
Ian Pullen       Principle Medical Officer, Scottish Executive
Mary Melvin      Mental Health Nurses’ Association
Nigel Henderson  Scottish Recovery Network
Karen Robertson  Practitioner Reference Group
Susanne Forrest  Project Officer
Robert Samuel    Nursing Officer, Scottish Executive
Victoria Murray  Service User and Carer Reference Group
Houston Fleming  Service User and Carer Reference Group
Shaun McNeil     Service User and Carer Reference Group
Dr Peter Rice    Royal College of Psychiatrists
Irene Souter     Director of Nursing, NHS Fife

2. Apologies
Geoff Earl       Royal College of Nursing
Sharon Duncan    Mental Health Nurses’ Association
Paul Martin      Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland
Anne Armstrong   Divisional Director of Nursing- Primary Care, NHS Lanarkshire
Simon Bradstreet, Network Director, Scottish Recovery Network
Dr Denise Coia,  Chair Royal College of Psychiatrists
Professor Sue Cowan University of Abertay
Susan Donnelly   Care Commission
Sharon Duncan    Mental Health Nurses Association
Geoff Earl       Royal College of Nursing
Eileen Moir      Director of Nursing, NHS Borders
Jamie Malcolm    Mental Welfare Commission
Shona Neil       Scottish Association for Mental Health
Salma Siddiqui   Napier University
Mary Weir        National Schizophrenia Fellowship

3. Aims of the Workshop
The workshop aims were:

- To enable discussion and consideration of some emerging themes and issues arising from the review process to date
- To enable debate about the review objectives, methodology and key questions.
- To generate further questions/hypotheses for the future that will inform the conference workshops.
4. Update on progress
Susanne Forrest highlighted the main issues arising from the previously circulated update paper. In summary:

4.1 Initial review objectives
These have been revised slightly following the first meeting of the Steering Group.

4.1 Steering and Reference Groups
The Steering and Reference Groups have been established to guide and support the review process. Initial meetings for all groups have occurred and additional workshops organised in early June. Representatives from the Practitioners' Reference Group and Service Users' and Carers' reference group will now join the Project Steering Group.

Members of all groups have been invited to submit responses to the questions posed at the outset of the review process and these are currently being analysed.

4.2. Literature Review
A major literature review to support both the Chief Nursing Officers’ Reviews of Mental Health Nursing in England and Scotland is in the process of being commissioned by the Department of Health (England) and will be undertaken by the University of Manchester and Institute of Psychiatry in London.

4.3 Communications Strategy
A web site for the review has been established.

4.4 Conference
The first conference/workshop of the review process takes place at the Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh on the 29th of June.

4.5 National Focus Groups
A timetable of national focus groups, evolving in focus as the stages of the review process progress, will be carried out by the Project Officer in each Health Board area between the ends of May- mid September.

5. Emerging themes and issues
Susanne Forrest provide a trigger presentation on emerging themes and issues from the initial review process mainly reflecting the issues and priorities raised by the practitioners' group in relation to the review objectives.

6. Hypothesis generation
The remainder of the workshop was devoted to generating ‘hypotheses’ in relation to role focus and boundaries for mental health nursing that will be debated and discussed during workshops at the conference on the 29th of June.

Date of next Steering Group Meeting
Tuesday 19th of July 3-5 pm St Andrews House, Edinburgh