

**Annual Report of the IASW Special Interest Group of Social Workers
in CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).**

Date: 25th April 2013

COMMITTEE: FEB 2012 (AGM - 6th Feb 2012)

Chairperson: Sheila McKenna **Secretary:** Andree Carty

Committee: Sinead Freeley, David Hughes, Sarah Houston, Declan Coogan, Paul Longmore, Roberta Mulligan, Jackie Leonard, Nicola Byrne and, Mary Mc Namara, -

NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE: FEB 2013 (AGM - 6th Feb 2013)

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Committee: David Hughes, Sarah Houston, Declan Coogan, Paul Longmore, Roberta Mulligan, Bernardine Hanratty, Nicola Byrne and, Fiona Coyle,

Meetings:

Since the last AGM of the IASW, our special interest group in CAMHS has had three regular meetings of the national group, 21st May 2012 in Trim, 5th Nov 2012 in Lucena CAMHS Rathgar & 6th Feb 2013 in Mater CAMHS James Joyce St. in Dublin. We would like to thank those who booked the venues and speakers and those who facilitated the clinical practice workshops at our meetings.

- 18th May 2012, IASW AGM & Conference.
- In Trim at the national meeting on 21st May 2012 many ongoing CAMHS social work issues were discussed. Sarah agreed to create a map of social workers in CAMHS around the country.
- Ineke Deville President IASW and Mary Corridan CPD IASW attended the November national meeting on 5th November 2012. Ineke discussed recent developments in IASW including the decision made at the AGM to trade as a limited company. Upcoming social work registration and the Child and Family Support Agency were also discussed. Julie Howley Principal Social Worker Temple

Street and Con O'Donoghue Social Worker Temple Street gave an interesting presentation on Attachment and the Circle of Security.

- At the national meeting on 4th Feb 2013, Pauline Gill Social Work Representative Mental Health Commission spoke about her role and the opportunities and challenges for social workers in mental health services.

CAMHS Advisory Group

Sarah Houston has continued to represent the interests of the SIG on the CAMHS advisory group chaired by Dr Brendan Doody. The group has been meeting monthly since July 2009 to discuss and inform HSE practices regarding audit, activity and outcome measures, key performance indicators and best practice guidelines in CAMHS in Ireland. Thanks to Sarah for all her hard work in this role.

HSE National Audit

In November 2012 all CAMHS services carried out a national audit. The Report from the audit will be published in December 2013.

National Clinical Programme Mental Health

Paul Longmore continued until recently to represent social work on the National Clinical Programme Mental Health. IASW will have an opportunity to give feedback on the clinical programmes once they are published. I would like to thank Paul for his hard work in this role.

IASW Representative

Nicola Byrne represented the CAMHS special interest group at IASW meetings until February 2013. Following the AGM in February 2013, Declan Coogan represents the CAMHS special interest group at IASW Council Meetings. Thanks to both Nicola and Declan for their work on this.

Response to Task Force Report on the Child and Family Support Agency.

In December 2012 Sarah Houston, Paul Longmore, Declan Coogan, David Hughes and Sheila McKenna completed a submission to the Department of Health in response to the Task Force Report on the Child and Family Support Agency. I would like to thank all involved for their hard work and commitment to getting the submission completed.

National Reference Group in Relation to Professional Completion of CMHT, Health And Social Care Professionals.

Sheila McKenna was nominated by IASW to represent Mental Health Social Workers on the National Reference Group in Relation to Professional Completion of CMHT. All health and social care professional groups have a representative on this group. To date the group has looked at the needs of new staff joining teams in terms of training, line management and supervision. While it was agreed that the ideal structures should be identified it was also agreed that a system be put in place that best supports staff within current resources. The National Reference Group Guidance Document was circulated in March 2013.

Meetings for 2013/2014

The next scheduled meeting is on Monday 27th May 2013 in Galway. All social workers and social work students involved in or with an interest in CAMHS are warmly invited to attend. Exact details will be circulated shortly. The November meeting is on 21st October 2013 in Lucena, Rathgar, Dublin. Next years AGM is on 4th February 2014 in Mater CAMHS James Joyce St, Dublin.

Summary

I would like to thank the Committee members, for all their commitment, time and hard work over the past year.

On behalf of the committee I would also like to thank those who gave presentations and the social workers who attended our national meetings.

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee at anytime with any queries about the work of the CAMHS SIG committee.

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