Maternal Mental Health Alliance

Map of Specialist Community Perinatal Mental Health Teams (UK)

2020
More than 1 in 10 women develop a mental illness during pregnancy or within the first year after having a baby.

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Specialist Community Perinatal Mental Health Services (Northern Ireland)

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Northern Ireland

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The story so far

2015 2017 2019

Risks and concerns

Whilst plans for specialist PMH community services and the ongoing commitment to improving access and the quality of these services are positive steps forward, there are key concerns:

1. Is the pledged £52m going to be enough?
2. How will services be sustained beyond the 5 years covered by this funding pledge?
3. Will there be enough staff for the new and current specialist PMH services?

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Funding, plans and commitments

2018:
• The Scottish Government announced investment of £250 million over 4 years to support mental health, including PMH

2019:
• The Scottish Government revealed that £52 million would be spent on improving access to perinatal and infant mental health services
• The Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Programme Board was established in April to advise the Government on how funds should be allocated, and a robust delivery plan for 2019/20 has now been delivered
• The National Managed Clinical Network (MCN) for PMH launched their needs assessment report, funded by the Scottish Government, and Women and Families Maternal Mental Health Pledge, developed in partnership with Maternal Mental Health Scotland Change Agents

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Wales

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Funding, plans and commitments

2015:
• The Welsh Government announced £1.5m in new and recurrent funding for specialist community PMH services

2018-2020:
• Additional investment from Government in 2018 and 2019 increased recurrent annual funding to £2.5m for specialist PMH services

2020:
• The Together for Mental Health Delivery Plan 2019-2022 identified improving access and quality of specialist PMH services as a key priority
• Minister for Health and Social Services announced plans for an interim Mother and Baby unit (MBU) in Swansea Bay University Health Board by Spring 2021
• PMH Network Board established to advise on the development of PMH services in Wales

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### Funding, plans and commitments

**2015:**
- £75 million committed in budget for PMH care

**2016:**
- Government announced additional £290m investment in PMH services as part of the Five Year Forward View, starting with £40m allocated to Wave 1 areas in the first year

**2019:**
- All CCGs received recurrent funding for specialist PMH services in baseline budgets, as per Five Year Forward View
- NHS England’s Long Term Plan contains further ambitions for PMH, including more women being able to access services and help for partners, and their Mental Health Implementation Plan commits extra funding (increasing each year until 2023/24) in order to meet these ambitions

### The story so far

**An estimated 80% of Clinical Commissioning Groups met green criteria**

This estimate is based on the data received. The collection and verification of data for England was not complete before COVID-19. In the context of the pandemic and without a complete set of data it has not been possible to update the England map this time.

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### Risks and concerns

Whilst significant progress and the ongoing commitment to improving PMH care in the Long Term Plan is welcome, we know more is needed to ensure real change for women and families.

1. **Funding transparency**: PMH spending by CCGs is not publicly available and there is competition for funds locally
2. **Workforce**: Some areas have struggled to recruit staff, delaying the development of a complete service
3. **Sustainability of services**: ongoing commitment at the local level needed to ensure progress in specialist services provision is sustained and Long Term Plan ambitions can be met

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Q&A

Q: How is data collected?
A: The maps were created from data collected via a self-assessment from Service Managers/Team leaders/Consultant Psychiatrists in each area, with much appreciated support from the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Teams themselves provided the rating for the level of service available. Details of provision have been assessed using the best information available at the time of publication.

Q: Why has data for England not been published?
A: Data for England was incomplete at the start of the COVID-19 crisis. Given the circumstances, it did not feel appropriate to pressure healthcare teams for missing data at this extraordinary time. In addition, there is a significant amount of fact-checking required to verify the data submitted which, again, it did not feel appropriate to pursue at this time.

Q: What do you imagine the data for England would show?
A: With the caveat of responses which may have needed further verification, the overwhelming picture is of a huge overall improvement in the services available in England. As the data stands, over 80% of services were rated as green (i.e. meeting criteria for level 4 or 5).

Q: When will you publish new data?
A: Given the unprecedented times we find ourselves in, we cannot say for certain when we will be able to publish new data for England. There will be various considerations to take into account, including the capacity of those we will need to submit and verify the data. In addition, the perinatal mental health landscape is shifting all the time and it may be more appropriate to ask for information relating to progress against National Perinatal Quality Standards and NHS England’s Long Term Plan.

Q: If CCGs in England are predominantly rated green, where next for the campaign?
A: Whilst it is fantastic to see improvements in specialist services in England, there is still work to be done. Turning the map green was always a first step and it will now be important to ensure women and families are supported across the rest of the pathway and beyond specialist services. We will, of course, continue to campaign for equity in the devolved nations as well.

Q: Why publish data for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales?
A: Given the smaller number of Health Boards/Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, we were able to collate and verify the data before the start of the COVID-19 crisis. We felt it was important to publish these complete data sets so they can be used as an important campaigning tool to improve the services available to women and their families.

Q: Do we expect all Scottish islands to Turn Green?
A: All women and families need to be able to access a specialist PMH service wherever they live in the UK. Whether this means a physical team on each Scottish island or services being set up in another way is currently being explored by the Managed Clinical Network in Scotland. Our maps will continue to monitor progress across Scotland, including whether women and families have access to PMH care and support that meets agreed national guidelines. Currently, women and families living in Scottish islands that are red on the map continue to not have access to a specialist PMH service.

Q: How will perinatal mental health services be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?
A: Stress and mental health needs for women and families are likely to increase from an already high level because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Perinatal mental health services and a trained workforce will be vital in addressing the longer-term impact of the crisis. MMHA has issued a Plea to national and local decision makers to PLAN for perinatal mental health care during and beyond COVID-19.

Further COVID-19 resources and guidance can be found here.

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