Psychological Support for People with motor neurone disease: Developing a Community Service



Community and Mental Health Services

Background and Aims

A Serious Case Review in January 2018 identified significant delays in accessing specialist psychological support for this group of service users

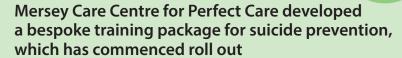


NICE NG42 guideline 1.6.2

- Does Mersey Care have the service to support this patient group?
- Develop a training package for staff
- Map the patient journey.

Evaluation

Mersey Care agreed a secondment for a part time clinical psychologist – started 1 April 2020



Mapping of patient journey is ongoing with an evaluation into the MND psychology service and service user input into the future of the service.

Conclusion

- Positive patient feedback
- No further incidents of risk
- Suicide training going well
- Integrated working.

Recommendations and Actions

- Professionals should seek support to feel confident to address the mental health needs of their patients
- Encourage staff to report incidents through their organisation's risk management structures as it can be the beginning of the development of new services.

