

Meeting: Adult Review Group (ARG) cont.

Professional Support: IC have done some analysis of the figures in the RAP Returns from 2005/06 and 2006/07, and found that the vast majority of the increase in the number of service users receiving community-based services in that time was due to an increase in those receiving Professional Support. For some LAs, the number of service users receiving Professional Support had more than doubled in that time!

They therefore want to include more scenarios in the RAP guidance of the types of Professional Support being offered.

Examples offered by members included:

- helping people to adjust to having a disability or sensory impairment
- weekly checks on, say MH service users
- planning for major OT adaptations to their homes

National Bus Passes: Since April 2008, all England residents over 60 years of age or classed as "eligible disabled" have been eligible for a national bus pass. It was unanimously felt that these should NOT be included in RAP.

Gender: It is recognised that the splitting of the A6 and P4 proformas in RAP by gender for the 2008/09 reporting period may lead to some issues in defining 'gender'. Gender is used here to mean "sex" or "acquired sex" rather than "gender identity".

The Gender Recognition Act (GRA) 2004 enables transsexual people to apply for 'gender recognition' and those born in the UK can obtain a new birth certificate.

Gender recognition means that trans people must be treated as of their new gender (sex) for all legal purposes, including health and social care. (taken from "Trans people's health", a DH briefing document available from: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_078347)

It is recommended that transsexual individuals be recorded as their acquired sex for RAP purposes.

Prescriptions for Equipment: The "retail model" of providing OT equipment to service users was discussed, and it was agreed that there was no reason why equipment provided via a prescription should be recorded any differently in RAP than that provided directly by a CASSR. Similarly, loaned equipment should be recorded in the same way as that provided permanently.

New Ethnicity Codes: It was felt by the IC that the following clarification to the guidance is needed:

- **Refused:** this should be used in cases where a client refuses to provide the information.
- **Information not yet obtained:** this should be used where a client has not yet been asked or is unable to provide the information. Efforts should be made to determine this information for all clients. In cases where a client is unable to provide the information (perhaps they have a severe cognitive impairment or learning disability), efforts should be made to collect this information

from next of kin, carer or other independent person who is close to the individual.

RAP Validations

(Gill Birk-Telford, IC)

Given the increases in the number of service users receiving Professional Support between 2005/06 and 2006/07, the IC plan to introduce validation checks on the IDC (Internet Data Collection site) to alert users to extreme values of the Professional Support service category. Authorities will be asked to comment on their figures if they fall within the top or the bottom 10% percentile, based on changes from the previous year's data.

Review of Collections

(Kate Anderson, IC)

The three-month public consultation period has now ended. The IC are analysing the data and plan to report the findings to the Dept. of Health imminently. They are hoping for a quick response to this, as there is less than six months until next year.

The PSSEX1 will be in a separate report, to be discussed at the next PSSEX1 Working Group meeting before Authorities are notified.

It is hoped that feedback on these two reviews will be sent to LAs by mid-December.

(The sensory impairment returns will be reported on separately due to further consultation being necessary before their future can be decided.)