

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

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

Mersey Care Centre for Perfect Care developed a bespoke training package for suicide prevention, which has commenced roll out

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.

