National Assembly for Wales

Health and Social Care Committee

Post-legislative scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010

Evidence from North Wales Community Health Council - MHM 02

From my point of view I can offer the following based on HIW reports as well as Delivery and Support Unit reports:

- 1c The "measure" has become a somewhat bureaucratic exercise. The pathway processes tend to be designed to reassure managers that the forms are being filled in correctly rather than really impacting on quality of care.
- 1d Yes, certainly they are involved, but how meaningfully?
- 1i It has had no impact. The priorities for the NHS in Wales is still dominated by such things as Ambulance, A & E and elective surgery waiting times.
- 3a Without effective IT support the laudable aspiration for seamless transition between primary, community and in patient services will be difficult to achieve in rural services.
- 3b We are continuing to see pressure being brought to bear on Mental Health Budgets despite the "measure".
- 3c See above.