Understanding Paternal Mental Health

Building Capacity across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde during COVID-19

The Problem

Statistics show that 1 in 10 men are affected by mental health problems during pregnancy and the first year after birth. Stigma and fear associated with paternal mental health can leave those affected feeling inadequate as a parent, isolated and vulnerable and can impede or delay getting help, treatment and recovery.

The Solution

Fathers Network Scotland (FNS) have been campaigning for a number of years to raise awareness of paternal mental health. This has included the development of their 'Understanding Paternal Mental Health' training which encourages and supports perinatal practitioners to better engage with dads. The NHS Perinatal Mental

Health Network are working to partnership with FNS develop a sustainable capacity building model to help support delivery of the Understanding Paternal Mental Health Training programme across Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC).

The Results

Trainers completed the Understanding Paternal Mental Health Training for Trainers course in May 2021











Understanding Paternal Mental Training Sessions have been delivered across NHSGGC

Participants from a range of disciplines attended the Understanding Paternal Mental Health training

Next Steps

- Continue to work in partnership with Fathers Network Scotland to build paternal mental health training capacity across GGC
- Understanding Paternal Mental Health Training for Trainers course planned for March 2022
- Understanding Paternal Mental Health Training dates
 scheduled throughout 2022
- Paternal Mental Health Seminar planned for June 2022

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