**SAANS ADHD shared care medication – help for GP practices and professionals**

Within the new clinic structure for the ADHD service, a dedicated weekly MDT has been scheduled. This is currently planned for Monday afternoons. As well as reviewing referrals and complex cases there will be an opportunity within this to address and answer queries from GPs and other professionals regarding ADHD.

If you have ADHD medication queries relating to patients who are under ADHD medication Shared Care arrangements between your practice and Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust, then the Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service (SAANS) is able to offer a timely response to these queries via their weekly Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings.

What the MDT **can** help with:

* If the service user is already prescribed medication by your practice and the GP would like advice around this then they can contact SAANS via the MDT route.
* If there are medication queries for young people who have recently been discharged from Sheffield Children’s Hospital ADHD care, and for whom your practice is now prescribing medication/reviewing the patient on an ongoing basis.
* For professionals within SHSC conducting ADHD assessments in their team, the MDT can support with diagnostic decision making.

What the MDT **cannot** help with:

* A full medication review for patients - unfortunately at the moment access to a full review would be via the general SAANS ADHD waiting list. If a query comes to the MDT that it is determined would need a review, this will be advised.
* If the service user has been diagnosed elsewhere and is currently not on medication – this would likely need a Reassessment of Need referral to SAANS.
* Requests to carry out ongoing prescription or medication monitoring/annual reviews (post initiation/titration period) (including for young people diagnosed by Sheffield Children’s hospital – i.e. SAANS can answer medication queries and provide the standard (Adults) Shared Care offer for young people who have transitioned from SCH, but cannot offer a case management service or prescribe/monitor medication on an ongoing basis).

Please contact the team by email: [saans@shsc.nhs.uk](mailto:saans@shsc.nhs.uk) stating the patients name, DOB and NHS number and the reason for the query. Please also advise how you would like SAANS to contact you about the outcome of the MDT (i.e., by telephone, email or letter) and include in the email subject that the query is for the “Weekly ADHD MDT”. Alternatively, GPs can call the service and leave a message with the Admin team, explaining the query which will then be discussed at the next scheduled MDT ([Tel: 0114](Tel:0114) 271 6964).

If any professionals would like to attend the MDT in person or remotely via MS Teams to discuss their query, this may be arranged.