

# Personality Disorder Improvement Programme

Integrated Care Pathways  
and Specialist Services

Tuesday 12 July  
11:00am – 12:00pm

# Welcome and introductions

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# Agenda for today

Item No.	Title	Lead	Duration
1.	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Gordon Hay	5 minutes
2.	<b>Specialised services and integrated care pathways in Highland</b>	Dr Tim Agnew, Maryann Frew and Timea Galgoczi	20 minutes
3.	<b>Specialised services and integrated care pathways in Glasgow</b>	Dr Andy Williams, Dr Michele Veldman and Dr Niamh Rice	20 minutes
4.	<b>Polls</b>	Gordon Hay	2 minutes
6.	<b>Question and answer session</b>	Gordon Hay	12 minutes
7.	<b>Close</b>	Gordon Hay	1 minute

# NHS Specialist Personality Disorder Service in NHS Highland

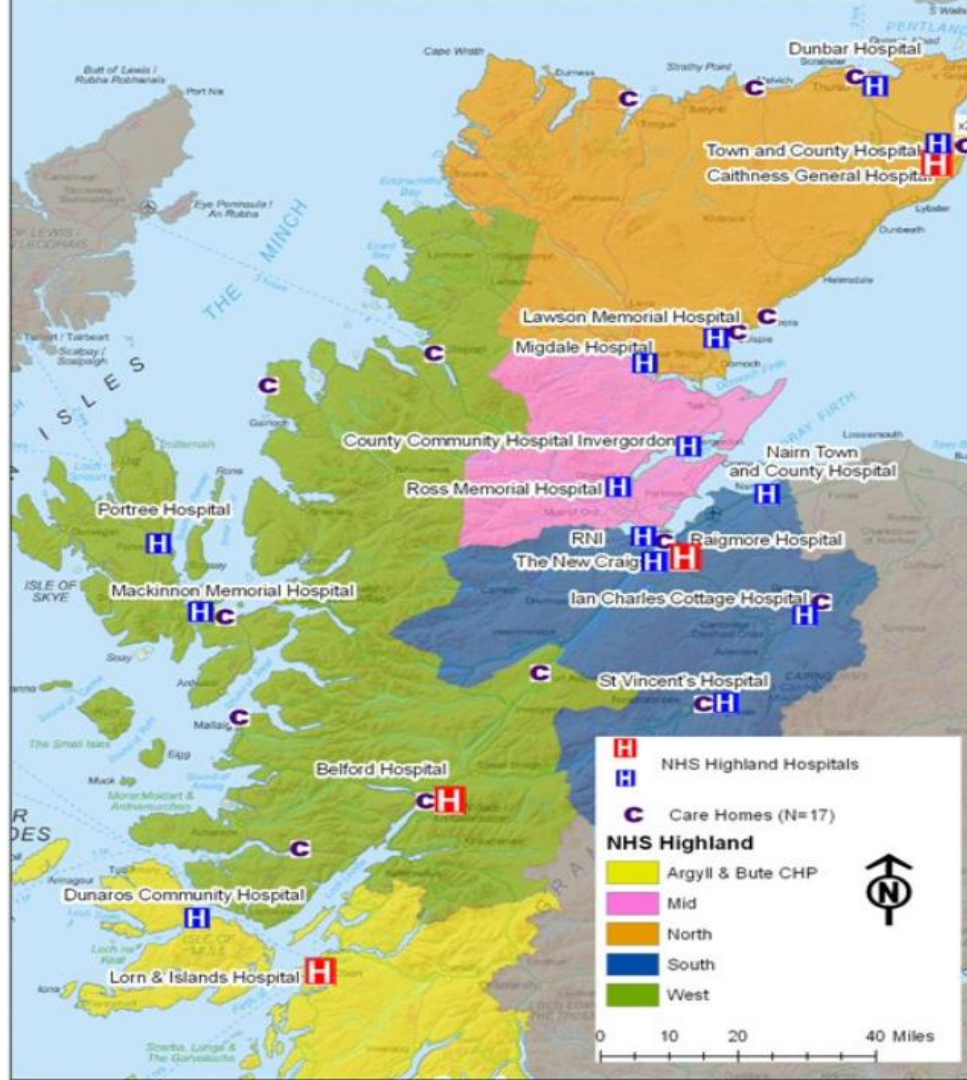
Dr Tim Agnew, Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist  
Maryann Frew, Advanced Practitioner  
Timea Galgoczi, Lived Experience Expert

# Overview

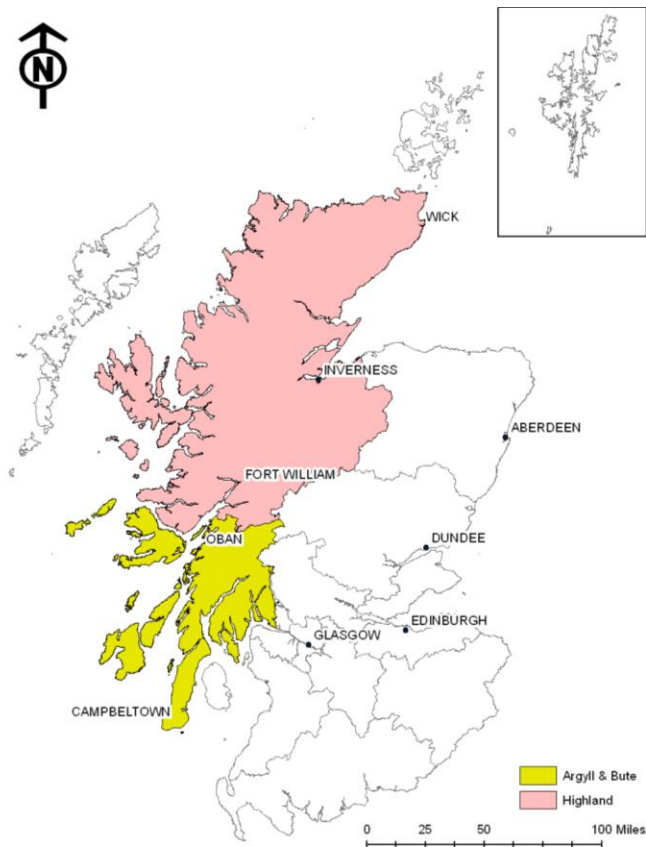
- Highland context
- Mental health services in Highland
- Specialist Personality Disorder Service
- Integrated Care Pathway
- Timeline of PDS development
- Experience of using the service

# Highland Context





# NHS HIGHLAND – REMOTE and RURAL



	Population	% of the population of Scotland	% of the land mass of Scotland
Highland	234,110	4.4	33
Argyll & Bute	86,890	1.6	9
NHS Highland	321,000	6.0	42

% of Population	
Urban Areas	27.9
Accessible Small Towns	2.7
Accessible Rural Areas	9.9
Remote Small Towns	5.9
Very Remote Small Towns	13.8
Remote Rural Areas	11.7
Very Remote Rural Areas	28.1

Drive times	
	Inverness
Wick	2 hrs 15 mins
Oban	2 hrs 45 mins
Forth William	1 hrs 40 mins
Campbeltown	5 hrs
Edinburgh	3 hrs 25 mins
Aberdeen	2 hrs 50 mins
Glasgow	3 hrs 25 mins

# “North Highland” secondary care mental health services

- New Craigs Hospital
- 8 CMHTs
- Mental Health Assessment Unit
- Mental Health Liaison Team
- (Primary Care Mental Health Service in development)

# NHS Highland PDS

- Tier 3 integrated multidisciplinary specialist outpatient service for patients with a diagnosis of personality disorder
- Serves the area of the Highland HSCP (“North Highland”)

# NHS Highland PDS Team

- 1 WTE Consultant Psychiatrist
- 1 WTE Advanced Practitioner/Team Lead (OT)
- 2 WTE Advanced Practitioners (RMN)
- 2 WTE Practitioners (RMN)
- 1 WTE Assistant Practitioner
- 1.5 WTE Secretaries
- 0.2 WTE NHS Volunteer

# Functions of the PDS

- Assessment, formulation and treatment recommendations
- Direct clinical care
- Consultation and supervision
- Training, awareness and education

All organised and informed by...



**Personality Disorder  
Integrated Care Pathway**

(PD–ICP)

June 2015

# What is an ICP?

- Person-centred and evidence-based framework
- Tells care providers, people using services, and those close to them what should be expected at any point along the journey of care.
- Allow comparison of planned care with what was actually delivered. This information can be used to develop services and improve the patient journey.
- In addition to specific interventions, the NHSH ICP sets out a philosophy of care



By 2013, it was becoming increasingly clear that there was...

- Variation in approach across Highland
- Variation in awareness about what interventions available
- Variation in awareness about what intervention most appropriate at each point
- Variation in awareness about how interventions could be effectively integrated into a care plan

# Development of the ICP

- Widespread support for reviewing and updating BPD-ICP (2007)
- First meeting in March 2014
- Wide representation in every subgroup, including people with experience of using services
- Wider consultation of draft document
- Desire for bottom-up rather than top-down approach
- Clinical utility paramount

# ICP Sections

1. Introduction
2. General Principles
3. Assessment, diagnosis and formulation
4. Self-management
5. Crisis Management
6. Psychosocial interventions
7. Medication
8. Education and awareness
9. Consultation
10. Community care
11. Personality Disorder Service
12. Inpatient Treatment

# PD-ICP Timeline

- March 2014 – First meeting
- January 2015 - Drafts put out for broad consultation
- February 2015 - Document finalised
- November 2015 - Final electronic document with all associated resources, referrals forms etc put on NHS Highland internet site
- January 2017 - Survey around usability and usefulness

# Timeline of PDS development

until 2006



## NEW CRAIGS



### ACCOMMODATION

Office	Museum
Class	Recreation
Brass	Music
Greenhouse House	
IPC	



2007

**KEEP  
CALM**

**AND**

**USE YOUR  
DBT SKILLS**

**S**ystems

2011

**T**rainning for

**E**motional

**P**redictability

**P**roblem

**S**olving

TM



2013





**Personality Disorder  
Integrated Care Pathway**

## Also in 2015...

- Standardised multimodal assessment
- Referrals accepted from secondary care mental health services for people with personality disorder and:
  - Complexity
  - Severity
  - Lack of treatment response
- Dedicated staffing starts to develop
- Training function developing
- Consultation and supervision function developing

# Direct care developments since 2015

- Developed within framework of
  - matched care
  - phase based care
- This framework provides clarity around gaps in provision and the function which needs to be fulfilled

# A phase-based approach

	<i><b>Integrated problem-focused approach for PD</b></i> (Livesley, 2003)	<i><b>Dialectical behaviour therapy for BPD</b></i> (Linehan, 1992)	<i><b>Stage-based treatment of traumatic disorders</b></i> (Herman, 1992)	<i><b>Treatment of hysteria</b></i> (Janet, 1889)
Phase 1 <b>(Behavioural stabilisation)</b>	Safety	Behavioural dyscontrol to behavioural control	Behavioural stabilisation	Stabilisation, symptom oriented treatment
	Containment			
	Regulation and control			
Phase 2 <b>(Exploration and change)</b>	Exploration and change	Quiet desperation to emotional experiencing	Trauma reprocessing	Exploration of traumatic memories
		Problems in living to ordinary happiness and unhappiness		
Phase 3 <b>(Integration and synthesis)</b>	Integration and synthesis	Incompleteness to capacity for joy	Integration	Personality reintegration, rehabilitation

# Since 2015...

- 2016 – Supporting Self Management
- 2017 – The Decider
- 2018 – Post Diagnosis Group
- 2019 – The Decider Graduate Group
- 2020 – Move to remote delivery
- 2021 – GRO
- 2022 – STEPPS Collaborative
- 2022 – Regular group consultation opened to all CMHTs and MHAU
- 2022 – Friends and Family Group (development started)

# Remote and rural aspects

- Consultation function
  - Informal consultation
  - Group consultation
  - Case consultation
- The Decider Network
- Remote working
- STEPPS Collaborative

# My experience of using the service

- GP referred to New Craigs Hospital for assessment and from there referred to Supporting Self Management group
- Self management group did not cover key issues and was not focused on the challenges of personality disorder
- Referred to STEPPS ( found it very useful but the course felt short and did not cover all Decider skills)
- After short waiting time started CAS
- Found CAS vital in supporting use of Decider skills and meeting with people with the same issues
- Experienced for the first time person-centred support



# My experience of using the service

- There should be elements/parts of CAS integrated to earlier support (STEPPS)
- It was hard to integrate self management skills learnt in Supporting Self Management group when it was the first line of support ( lack of insight on the disorder)

Thank you.

# Specialised services and integrated care pathways in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Dr Andrea Williams  
Dr Niamh Rice  
Dr Michele Veldman

# NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Dr Andy Williams

Consultant Medical Psychotherapist

NHS GGC Clinical Lead for Personality Disorder

# NHS GGC Health Board

## 6 HSCPs




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 East Dunbartonshire Council


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 East Renfrewshire Council

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 Glasgow City Council


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 Renfrewshire Council

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 West Dunbartonshire Council

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 Inverclyde Council



# Complexity and size

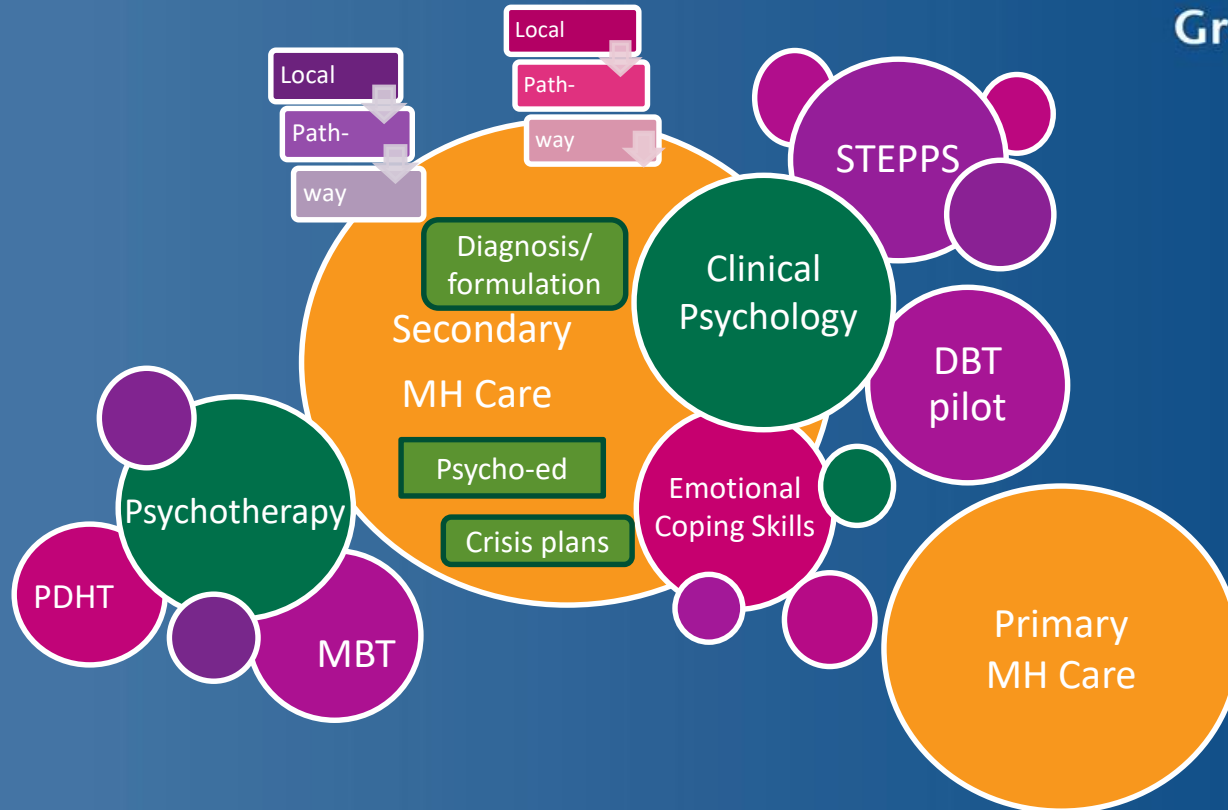
- Total population: 1.14 Million



Mental Health Services include:

- 18 CMHTs
- 14 Acute Admission wards on 6 sites
- 4 Crisis teams/ IHTT
- Mental Health Assessment Units (MHAUs)
- Out of Hours CPN service

# Before the BPD Pathway



# Catalysts for change



- Data on bed days utilised for people with a diagnosis of BPD
- Cost-saving argument, if improve care and access to evidence-based therapies
- Funding – Action 15 monies
- Enthusiasm and expertise within existing specialist teams
- Appetite for change within broader workforce
- Strong leadership



# Implementing Change



- Written into NHS GGC 5 Year MH Strategy
- BPD Implementation Steering Group reporting directly to MH Programme Board
- Clinical Lead for Personality Disorder
- Lived Experience input to all aspects of the pathway development – **BPD Dialogues**
- **Co-ordinated Clinical Care** - BPD Training programme and Guidance for all adult MH staff (not model-specific)

### Co-ordinated Clinical Care

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Assessment/ Diagnosis/ Formulation/ Crisis planning/ Low intensity psychological therapies/ Treat co-morbidities

MILD/  
MODERATE

#### Emotional Coping Skills Groups

8 Sessions DBT based skills programme  
Weekly Group Sessions  
CMHT patients with mild - moderate emotional and  
behavioural dysregulation; low levels of risk  
**May or may not** have a diagnosis of BPD

#### Clinical Psychology

Formulation  
driven, time  
limited 1 to 1  
work

#### Psychotherapy

Individual or  
Group  
Psychodynamic  
Psychotherapy

MODERATE

#### STEPS

20 Week CBT based manualised programme  
Group and Individual sessions  
CMHT patients with moderate BPD (or BPD type) difficulties

Models include:

CBT for PD

Schema Based  
Therapy

Compassion  
focused Therapy  
( CFT)

Adapted DBT,IPT  
and ACT

Not diagnosis-  
driven

Brief , medium  
or long term

MODERATE/  
SEVERE

#### DBT

Up to 18 months skill  
based approach (CBT +  
mindfulness)  
Weekly group and  
individual therapy  
CMHT patients with  
'severe' BPD diagnosis

#### MBT

Up to 18 months  
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Weekly group and  
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Patients with 'moderate  
– severe' BPD diagnosis

### Co-ordinated Clinical Care

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# Challenges/ learning points



- Strategic and managerial support at all levels
- Agree key principles and values - CCC
- Conversations and negotiations throughout the process
- Willingness to co-operate and compromise
  - Between professional groups
  - Between different theoretical models
  - Between central ambition and local priorities
- Traction and embedding takes time
- Communicate/ communicate/ communicate!

# NHS GG&C Psychological Therapies Groups Service: Contribution to the BPD pathway

Dr Niamh Rice, Consultant Clinical Psychologist/Team Lead  
NHS GG&C PT Groups Service

# PTGS - Who are we?



- The Psychological Therapies Groups Service (PTGS) was identified by the Effective and Efficient Community Services workstream (EECS) as a viable option to increase access to psychological group therapy in adherence with The Matrix (2015).
- Aim was to increase the availability and predictability of PT group provision for the secondary care, adult mental health population.
- A partnership model was agreed whereby the PT Groups Services sits as an adjunct to the 18 CMHTs across GGC and works in partnership with CMHT colleagues to provide group therapy, including to extend on existing group provision.

# Psychological Therapies Groups Service



- Service was designed and developed during 2019-20 (initially pre-pandemic) and launched in January 2021 (at height of restrictions).
- We launched with 2 group programmes (Behavioural Activation group and Emotional Coping Skills group).
- Have gradually added to roster with STEPPS, the Unified Protocol, Survive and Thrive and ACT for Long Term Physical Health Conditions.
- Of the 6 currently available group programmes, 2 explicitly contribute to the BPD care pathway (ECS and STEPPS).

# Emotional Coping Skills Groups (ECS)



- Transdiagnostic treatment programme for individuals with emotional dysregulation
- The Emotional Coping Skills Group manual we use was developed by Isabel Clarke and is used in NHS GG&C with her permission. It is based on Linehan, M. (1993) Skills Training Manual for Treating Borderline Personality Disorder.
- The programme covers: Emotion Regulation, Distress Tolerance, Mindfulness and Interpersonal Effectiveness.
- 8 session programme (with 1 additional 'Introduction' session added to orientate participants to the digital platform and online etiquette).
- Delivered weekly, each session lasts 90 minutes and delivered by two group facilitators.

# Emotional Coping Skills (ECS)



- In 2021 (year 1) the service delivered 15 ECS cohorts
  - Allocate 10 participants per cohort, with aim of commencing with 8 attendees
  - In year 1 we had capacity to offer a place in an ECS group to 150 patients
- In 2022 (year 2) the service will deliver 26 ECS cohorts
  - Allocate 12 participants per cohort, with aim of commencing with 8 attendees
  - In year 2 we have capacity to offer a place in an ECS group to 312 patients



# Systems Training for Emotional Predictability & Problem Solving (STEPPS)



- STEPPS is a manualised group treatment programme for individuals with a diagnosis of BPD (Blum et al 1995)
- The programme covers psychoeducation, CBT strategies and skills training, with a systems component (involving a 'reinforcement team')
- 20 session programme (with 1 additional 'Introduction' session added to orientate participants to the digital platform and online etiquette)
- Delivered weekly
- Each session lasts 2 hours
- Delivered by two group facilitators

# STEPPS Groups



- In 2021 (year 1) the service delivered 5 STEPPS cohorts
  - Allocate 12 participants per cohort, with aim of commencing with 10 attendees
  - In year 1 we had capacity to offer a place in a STEPPS group to 60 patients
- In 2022 (year 2) the service will deliver 8 STEPPS cohorts
  - Allocate 12 participants per cohort, with aim of commencing with 10 attendees
  - In year 2 we have capacity to offer a place in a STEPPS group to 96 patients

# ECS & STEPPS Outcome Measures

ECS (Pre and Post)	STEPPS (Pre and Post)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CORE-10</li><li>• Living With My Emotions questionnaire (Clarke - with her permission)</li><li>• Mental Health Confidence Scale (MHCS)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CORE-34</li><li>• BEST form</li><li>• Work and Social Adjustment Scale (WSAS)</li></ul> <p><u>Session-by-session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BEST form</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualitative Feedback</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualitative Feedback</li></ul>

- We have a lot of data which has yet to be fully interrogated. We await the appointment of assistant psychology resource to assist with this task.

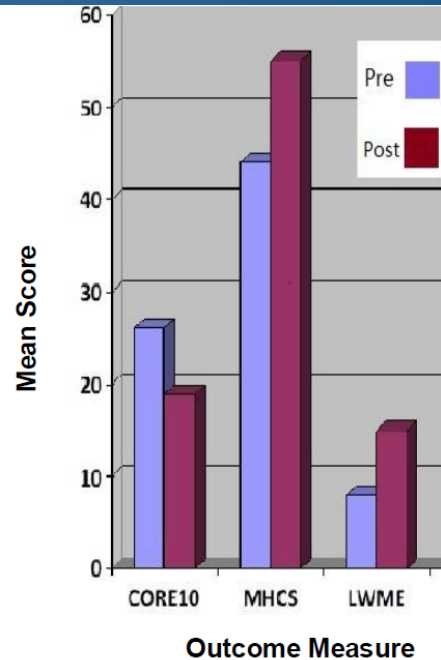
# Feedback on Digital Group Experience

**16 ECS cohorts** ran between **January 2021 – January 2022**. Across the group cohorts, **55 people** completed pre- and post-treatment measures, outlined below.

The CORE10 provides an overall measure of psychological distress, with higher scores indicating higher levels of distress.

The Mental Health Confidence Scale measures a person's overall confidence in managing their mental health symptoms, with higher scores indicating increased confidence.

The Living With My Emotions Questionnaire measures a person's ability to confront and tolerate challenging emotions, with higher scores indicating increased capacity. Mean pre- and post-treatment scores are shown in Figure 1.



*Figure 1: Pre- and post-treatment scores for Emotional Coping Skills Group*

# Feedback on Digital Group Experience



Greater Glasgow  
and Clyde

- What was most helpful about the group programme:

*"Going through it with others - I was apprehensive at first but the group gave different perspectives"*

*"Understanding why I feel or do certain things/behaviours. Being listened to and not judged"*

*"Good support network"*

*"Realising my emotions were normal"*

*"Speaking with people who had experienced/were experiencing the same things/feelings as me"*

- What could be improved

*"I think a follow up in a few weeks would be beneficial to find out how everyone got on"*

*"paperwork being sent digitally for more secure storage"*

# Feedback on Digital Group Experience



## Main advantages of digital delivery:

*"No travel costs  
home comfort"*

*"I was more likely  
to attend because  
I could make up  
fewer excuses for  
myself"*

*"easy to attend and  
felt safer"*

## Main disadvantages of digital delivery:

*"issues with wifi  
or Teams"*

*"Less social interaction"*

*"Not as easy to get  
involved sometimes"*

# Future Plans / Aspirations



- To increase capacity to deliver STEPPS and ECS cohorts in line with demand from the 18 CMHTs
- For PTGS to be able to plug gaps in co-facilitation and ‘reinforcer’ availability in CMHTs
- To implement STAIRWAYS group as a follow-up/maintenance programme following completion of STEPPS groups
- To fully utilise the service user feedback and data to continue to develop the service.

# Summary



- The Psychological Therapies Groups Service is a board wide service designed to promote and provide evidence based psychological group therapy as a viable treatment option for our secondary care adult mental health population in NHS GG&C.
- At this time the service contributes to the BPD pathway in NHS GG&C via delivery of:
  - Transdiagnostic Emotional Coping Skills Groups, with current capacity to offer **312 individuals** a place in an ECS group per year
  - and
  - STEPPS groups for individuals with a diagnosis of BPD, with current capacity to offer **96 individuals** a place in a STEPPS group per year.



**Thank you and any questions**

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# Role of a Specialist Therapy Team

Dr Michele Veldman  
Consultant Clinical Psychologist

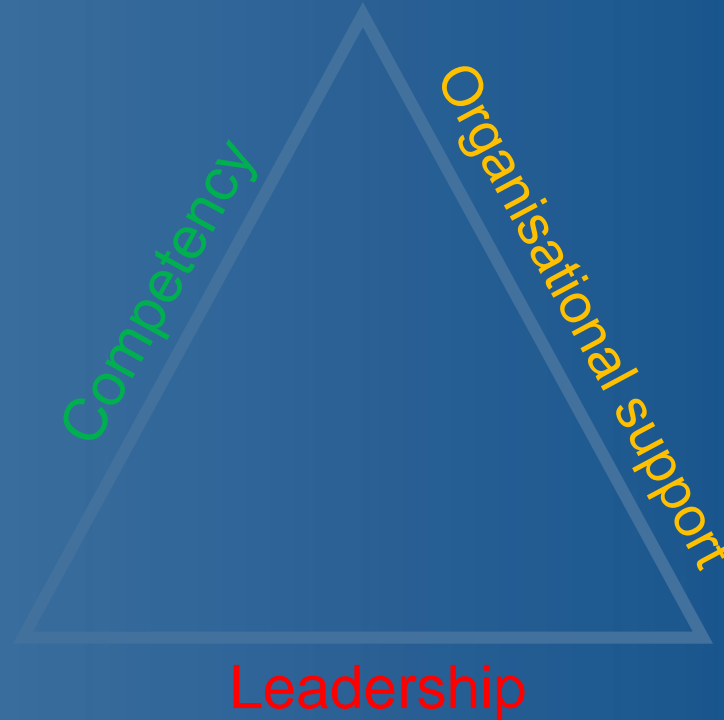
# DBT service in NHS GG&C



- Small DBT therapy team: Psychology, Nursing, OT
- Pilot period since early 2016 and permanent since 2019
- Delivers more intensive treatment to smaller number of people
- Used implementation science framework – can we make an evidence- based practice work in the real world

# Implementation drivers

(Blasé et al, 2009)



# Six Stages of Implementation

(Fixsen et al, 2005)



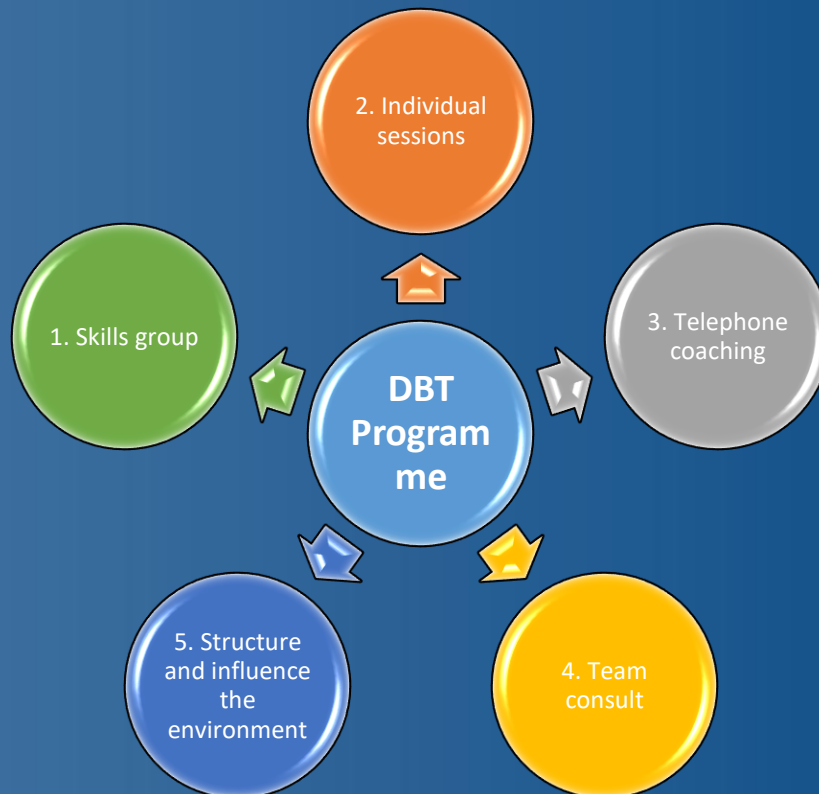
1. *Exploration*
2. *Installation*
3. *Initial implementation*
4. *Full implementation*
5. *Innovation*
6. *Sustainability*

# What do we need from the organisation?



- Support in doing things differently, when exploring
- Commitment to the long process
- Senior clinicians involved at strategic level
- Relationships ++
- Compromise ++

# Strands of a DBT programme



# Feasibility – what had to be tested out?



- Therapeutic model is appropriate
- Sits well within existing mental health structures
- Engages people with complex and severe difficulties
- MDT staff training & delivery effective
- People with lived experience having a voice in how service is delivered
- Sustainable





# Evaluation



Consistent good outcomes:

- Engaged people to remain in therapy
- Hospital and unscheduled care used less and differently
- Reduction in risk and in other symptoms
- Tolerating unpleasant emotions more effectively
- Taking part in educational/ leisure/ work activities more

# People with lived experience's feedback



*I see myself less destructive. I see myself using skills daily. I've found a way to manage the paperwork and have problem solved all the little annoyances that used to wind me up so much!*

*It's hard to put into words how much DBT helped me. Ultimately, it saved my life. I went from not being able to get through the day without self-harming or overdosing to now being able to believe I have a future.*

# What have we learned



- It's feasible: within existing structures, with MDT, engaging severe patients
- It takes time to learn and implement
- Liaise, liaise, liaise...
- Evaluating such a service is difficult, but possible over time
- It requires organisational commitment, through thick and thin
- The team has a large role to play in the wider network and strategy
- Involve people with lived experience more, from the start!
- Input from external resources is important, e.g. relationship with national training organisation, networking in Scotland, consulted other Boards

# Benefits of such a service



- It is ringfenced time
- Building on a group of trained and experienced staff
- Credibility
- High adherence to an evidence-based intervention – better outcomes
- Role in the organisation to contribute to strategic thinking

# Polls





# Next steps



Evaluation  
survey – link in  
the chat box



Follow up  
email circulated  
soon



Workshop 1 –  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
August



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