CAMHS Staff Views on the Provision of Services to Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Clients, and Whether the Training they Receive Equips them to Work Competently with BME Children and Families

The study has two aims. Firstly, to investigate how Dudley CAMHS professionals view the service provided to BME clients. Secondly, to ascertain whether staff perceive that the training they receive, for example, on cultural diversity, assists their practice in meeting the needs of BME clients.

All members of staff will be invited to participate in the study and at least 15 will be selected, in order to achieve thematic saturation. Written information in respect of the purpose of the research will be forwarded to all staff, and those selected will sign consent forms prior to participation in semi-structured interviews.

It is envisaged that the study will contribute to CAMHS meeting the needs of BME clients, by better equipping staff in their service delivery.

Parents’ Perceptions of Theraplay to Manage Children’s Behaviour

The subject for my MSc Thesis is to ascertain parents’ perception of Theraplay to manage children’s behaviour. Theraplay is the registered trade mark of the Theraplay Institute in Chicago and was devised to help manage behaviour problem related to attachment problems. I wish to interview parents that have gone through the Theraplay program to gain their view of the intervention; whether they have experience improvements in behaviour; and whether the improvements have been sustained. I will be interviewing only clients that have worked with another Theraplay Therapist in my CAMHS team to help reduce coercion and bias.
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CAMHS Clinicians’ Management of Parental Mental Health and how that may Affect the Child’s Therapeutic Involvement

The subject for my MSc Thesis is to ascertain CAMHS Clinicians’ management of parental mental health and how that may affect the child’s therapeutic involvement. The team is diverse with clinicians from different professional backgrounds, and with varying levels of training when it comes to adult mental health. The study aims to gather information to gain understanding of the approaches and management of such cases, and whether there is a need for a more structured approach. The study findings may highlight areas for training or a service protocol. All information will be gathered by a questionnaire to the clinicians that is qualitative in nature, complemented by some quantitative information.