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Integrating Mental and Physical Healthcare at South London and Maudsley
We’re excited to announce the start of our new project – Integrating our Mental and Physical Healthcare Systems at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. Funded through a grant from the Maudsley Charity, this 3-year project aligns to the Trust’s physical health strategy. It aims to improve health outcomes and establish improved treatment pathways between the Trust and local general hospitals for medically deteriorating patients. The project team is nurse-led, bringing together expertise from different professional groups. The project team will also: deliver specialist training to support the broader SLaM workforce to feel confident working with physical health; launch a new volunteer-led ‘health champions’ service for service users; and support roll out of ‘HealthLocker’, the Trust’s patient portal. Watch this space!

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Mind & Body engagement with staff, service users, patients, carers and the public
Over the past 18 months, the Mind & Body Programme have engaged over 2000 staff, service users, carers, and members of the public to discuss mind and body care. We have recently published our 2018 Engagement Report, which shares key themes from our engagement along with priority areas for action. These include sharing patient information more widely, switching from treatment focused to preventative care, and improving partnerships between national and local organisations. These themes will be considered in all aspects of the Programme’s ongoing work and development. When asked about the experience of engaging with the Mind and Body Programme, one Expert Advisory Group member stated, “Being able to have a voice, see what work is happening within health and contribute to its delivery, the fact that I am passionate about body-mind work, meeting different people, challenging thoughts and perspectives.”

Mind & Body and Maudsley Simulation Course
Sign up for our free two day course run by the award winning mental health training provider, Maudsley Simulation. Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives is an introductory course to motivational interviewing skills for nurses, doctors and other allied health professionals. It supports staff to have health change conversations with their patients and service users. Dates available in May and June. Places are limited, register now!

Mind & Body Champions workshop
Sign up to the Mind and Body Champions workshop at the King’s Health Partners Annual Conference on 16 May 2019. This is an opportunity to reflect on our first year of Champions and hear from you about your experience of the programme. We’re also looking for Champions to help with the workshop - email us if you are able to help out.

Check our website for all Mind & Body training opportunities.

We want to hear from you! Come to our education and training focus group discussion: Wednesday 10 April at 5:30pm – 7:00pm in the Function Room, Henriette Raphael House, Guy’s Campus, SE1 9RT. Please email us at mindandbody@slam.nhs.uk to register your place.