

Mental Health News

Annual LIT Self Assessment 08/09

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Since the advent of the National Service Framework (NSF) for Mental Health, Local Implementation Teams (LITs) have submitted an annual self assessment based on their achievements against NSF standards.

The assessment takes the form of a Red, Amber or Green rating against criteria overseen by the Department of Health. This year's scores indicate a steady move towards meeting, and sometimes exceeding, the NSF standards in the region.

All LITs took part in the process. All of them felt that it was useful to step back and review their progress over the previous year. Each of them has agreed to have a quarterly follow up review to make sure that they continue to improve.

Most LITs are chaired by a senior commissioner and, therefore, are in a unique position to shape the way that services are delivered. Many have made real improvements in partnership with people who use services and their carers. If you want to get involved in your local LIT, do contact your local commissioner.

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