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Welcome to the thirteenth edition of our e-bulletin. Thanks to everyone who has emailed with news stories, and comments and suggestions.

If you have any information or ideas for the Bulletin please contact [Rhiannon Williams](#), at CSIP Eastern Development Centre – contact details later. If you have any difficulty accessing this bulletin or its contents please contact us so that we can help.

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Regional News

What makes me different? – Anti-stigma campaign launched in North Essex

'What makes me different' is an eye opening campaign run by North Essex Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust encouraging people to stop and think about their attitudes and behaviour towards mental ill health. It features men and women doing jobs that are usually associated with the opposite sex. Each suffers from different types of mental ill health. The reader is asked 'what makes them different', their profession or their health.

 Click [here](#) to find out more about this campaign

Local MIND Directory

You can access a directory that lists all the local MIND organisations in our region and information about them all.

 Click [here](#) to view the directory

Divert Project – Sporting Chances

The 'Divert Project' has been set up to engage young people aged 10-17 years into positive activities and sports with The Ormiston Centre in Colchester. The young people targeted are those that are known to be offending or at risk of offending in the Berechurch, Monkwick and Harbour areas. A grant from Colchester Borough Council has supported this project in which, Local Agencies and Schools refer the children they feel will benefit from our project to us, to engage in: basketball, football, pool, softball, Tennis, DJ Mixing, and more on a weekly basis which predominately helps to boost self-esteem, social interaction and team working skills.

 Click [here](#) to find out more about this project

 Click [here](#) to visit the Ormiston Children & Families Trust website

Eastern Regional Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Team meeting minutes – 20 October 2006

You can now view the minutes from the above meeting on our website. Future minutes will be uploaded onto this page within the website so you can keep up to date with developments.

 Click [here](#) to view the minutes



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National News

SDO Programme Research needs and priorities survey 2006

The NHS Service Delivery and Organisation Research and Development Programme (SDO) aims to produce research evidence directed at improving the organisation and delivery of health services, and to promote the uptake and application of that evidence in policy and practice. To help them understand the issues that are most important to those delivering and organising health services and to those receiving them, they are conducting an online survey. The results of this survey will help to establish the needs and priorities that will guide their research over the next five years.

 Click [here](#) to take part in the survey

National Survey of Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Teams in England – Executive Summary

This survey aimed to provide a rich team-level description of the current state of implementation of crisis resolution or home treatment (CRT) teams in England, including perceived obstacles to implementation and potential ways forward.

 Click [here](#) to read the executive summary

Carer's Rights Day, 8 December 2006 – Various events occurring across the country

Each year Carers UK holds a Carers Rights Day to: increase take up of benefits; make sure carers know their rights; guide carers towards practical support; and raise awareness of the needs of carers. This year Carers Rights Day will be focussing on the theme of older carers and the take-up of Pension Credit. There are numerous events taking place across the country this year.

 Click [here](#) to find out more

Randomised Controlled Trials course: a practical guide to RCT design, conduct, analysis, interpretation & reporting

The aim of the course is to equip the participants with an appreciation of the knowledge and practical skills required to design, execute, analyse, interpret, report and critique a randomised controlled trial.

The course will adopt an innovative, multidisciplinary approach, integrating clinical epidemiology with biostatistics. The teaching will adopt a mixture of styles, including didactic and highly interactive sessions and will use problem-based learning with the aim of solving learner-identified problems in the design, analysis, interpretation, reporting and critique of randomised trials. The course is NOT intended to serve as an introduction to medical statistics itself. The course is aimed at persons planning or actively involved in trials, and individuals interested in furthering their knowledge of trial methodology. Applications are invited from clinical and non-clinical researchers and other professionals allied to medicine.

 Click [here](#) for more information and how to register

Recruitment of Participants - Scoping Research to Inform the Development of a 'National (Mental Health) Carer Support Curriculum' for People Supporting Friends-and-Family Carers in Mental Health


Researchers at City University, London are working with the Supporting Carers Better Network to identify what needs to be included in the education and training of mental health staff and carer support workers to address the needs of mental health carers. This will be used to inform the development of a nationally-accredited curriculum and training modules. If you are a mental health carer, a carer support worker or advocate, a mental health professional or a mental health service user (patient), you may wish to participate in a focus group to discuss with others what you would like to see included in education and training about the needs of mental health carers.


 Click [here](#) to find out more information

National improvement strategy for Social Care launched

A national improvement strategy for adult social care developed by the Joint Improvement Partnership (JIP) has been launched at the National Children and Adults Services Conference in Brighton.

 Click [here](#) to read the full press release

 Click [here](#) to read the accompanying document

 Click [here](#) to download the leaflet



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CSIP Eastern Development Centre Update

New Knowledge Community to soon be launched

Within the next couple of weeks, the CSIP Knowledge Community (KC) is to be re-launched. Following an extensive consultation with users of the existing KC, it was decided that the design needed to be changed to make it more user-friendly and easier to navigate. The new look KC will be simpler to move around, provide more support when setting up group areas, and allow documents and resources to be found easier. If you would like more information about the new KC then please email [Rhiannon Williams](mailto:Rhiannon.Williams@csip.org.uk). The new address for the KC will be <http://kc.csip.org.uk>

 Click [here](#) to find out more about the new KC and how the new design was developed



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Events


The Social Care response to pandemic 'flu: Stakeholder events – London, York & Birmingham 2006

CSIP is convening three full day events on behalf of the Department of Health for the social care community and their key partners to help them plan for a pandemic outbreak of 'flu and to help shape the forthcoming draft guidance on the response. We are particularly interested in identifying potential problems (and hopefully solutions) given the anticipated disruption to essential services. The events are aimed at local authority emergency planners; adult social care managers and provider staff in the public, voluntary and independent sectors; volunteer organisations; faith communities; elected members; PCT representatives; and health and community workers linked to specific communities. The events are taking place in: London – 21 November; York – 24 November; Birmingham – 27 November.

 Click [here](#) to find out more about the events and to register

Your Care, Your Record - CRDB National Conference, 23 November 2006, London

The sharing of electronic care records is one of the most significant aspects of NHS reform in England today. Debate has long been raging in the media and health sector, but now is the chance for the public and patients to have their say. The Care Record Development Board (CRDB) is developing its 2006 conference, 'Your care, Your record' for patients and the public, providing a real opportunity for you to find out about the NHS Care Records Service and get involved in its development.

 Click [here](#) for more information and to book

Mental Health and Ageing – 23 November 2006, Norwich

The topics for this year's conference are focused on the theme of achieving well-being in older people with mental health issues. The aim of the day is to promote a positive approach to services for older people with mental health problems in line with both the National Service Frameworks for Mental Health and for Older People, as well with as the White Paper 'Our Health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services'. The conference is aimed at professionals in health, social services, housing, voluntary and independent agencies, those in further/higher education and those who have a personal interest in caring for older people.

 Click [here](#) for more information and to register

The Capita Conference on Third Sector Commissioning - 28 November 2006, London

Capita's inaugural 'Third Sector Commissioning' conference, developed in consultation with the Office of the Third Sector, brings together commissioners and service providers on a national scale to share views on how to improve commissioning and procurement practices. Providing crucial practical guidance, the conference reflects the ethos that good commissioning does not change; if it is good, it crosses sectors, full stop!

 Click [here](#) for more information

Adult Learning and Skills in Forensic Services and Secure Units – 8 December 2006, London

This conference focuses on challenges facing learners, tutors and providers of adult learning and skills provision within Forensic Services and Secure Units. Using examples of existing practice delegates will be able to: reflect on their own practice and consider how they might develop it; consider ways in which the sector may support learners and tutors more effectively and thereby improve the quality of provision nationally; and provide feedback to policy makers on the issues and concerns that need addressing.

 Click [here](#) for more information

The 2007 UK MHRN Annual Conference - 18 & 19 January 2007, Gateshead.

The conference will be multidisciplinary, involving clinicians, allied health professionals, carers, service users, NHS R&D managers & administrators and researchers with an interest in mental health research, and the focus will be to showcase high quality, international research. The conference programme will include current advances in the understanding and treatment of: bipolar disorder and schizophrenia; post traumatic stress disorder; suicide; attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; and dangerous and severe personality disorder. The conference will cost £200 for the two days, and £150 for one.

 Click [here](#) for more information and to book

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Useful Resources

NICE Schizophrenia Guidance Website

The public facing website was developed in conjunction with NIMHE North West and our local PCTs. The site contains national information and resources on schizophrenia including NICE guidance for the management and treatment of schizophrenia, general information on schizophrenia as well as useful information including details of local services, voluntary and non-statutory organisations, leaflets and policies and protocols etc for healthcare professionals, primary care, stakeholders and service users and carers.

 Click [here](#) to visit the website

Mhnews - a regular e-bulletin from the Mental Health in Higher Education Project

This is a newsletter that is produced six times a year and includes news items, events and publications that you may find of interest.

 Click [here](#) to read the latest bulletin

Star Wards

This document includes practical ideas for improving the daily experiences and treatment outcomes of acute mental health patients. It's a really useful pack that has 75 ideas for making the most of in-patients time. The publication is downloadable from the website www.starwards.org.uk or it can be bought in due course from the Mental Health Shop - www.mentalhealthshop.org.uk.

Supporting learners with mental health difficulties

Guidance for colleges and other post- education providers on implementing the Disability Discrimination Act.

 Click [here](#) to access the document

King's Fund newsletter

A newsletter bringing you an independent take on health and health care policy plus King's Fund highlights

 Click [here](#) to access the latest issue

Funding for research funding opportunities

There are more opportunities for research funding available, originally circulated by the UK Mental Health Research Network, East Anglian Hub.

 Click [here](#) to view the current opportunities

 Click [here](#) to visit the East Anglian Hub website

Our Health, Our Care, Our Say – Making it happen

The Our health, our care, our say White Paper sets out a vision to provide people with good quality social care and NHS services in the communities where they live. NHS services are half way through a 10 year plan to become more responsive to patient needs and prevent ill health by the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Social care services are also changing to give service users more independence, choice and control.

 Click [here](#) for more information

Wheelchairs Report - 'Out and about'

Access to wheelchairs enables independence, well being and social inclusion says a Department of Health report. 'Out and about' recommends that wheelchair services should be more person-centred, flexible and responsive to individual need and provides the foundation for developing a better service for individuals through the Care Services Efficiency Delivery Transforming Community Equipment and Wheelchair Services Programme.

 Click [here](#) to read the report

 Click [here](#) to find out more about Department of Health: Care Services Efficiency Delivery programme

 Click [here](#) to read a press release


Care Closer to Home Demonstration Project

Delivering care closer to home and in more convenient settings is already happening in many places across the country. Services in six specialities in 30 locations areas are being evaluated as part of the Care Closer to Home Demonstration Project which is a White Paper commitment.

 Click [here](#) to find out more

Access all areas – National Social Inclusion Programme autumn newsletter

This autumn edition offers a look at the impact and importance of recent publications, while giving a preview into some pending publications and launches.

 Click [here](#) to read the newsletter

Other information about the Eastern Development Centre

We are currently running the following programmes of work (in alphabetical order):

- Children and Families (including Change for Children and the National CAMHS Support Service) – [Tracey Cogan](#) **01206 287586**
- Commissioning – [Maurice Burns](#) **07789 864212**
- Health and Social Care in Criminal Justice – [Barbara McLean](#) **07967 302423**
- Learning and Improvement Networks – [Paul O'Halloran](#) **01206 287594**
- Learning Disabilities (Valuing People Support Team, VPST) – [Simon Whitehead](#) **01449 616187**
- Mental Health (National Institute for Mental Health in England, NIMHE) – [Susannah Rix](#) **01206 287578**
- Older People and Physical Disabilities – [Angie Glew](#) **07775 906892**
- Adult Social Care – [Amanda Reynolds](#) **07775 631510**



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