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Welcome to the twenty-first 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 [Jayne Bulman](#), 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

Report published on the infrastructure of ethnic minority voluntary and community sector in Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire Black and Minority Ethnic Partnership have published the first county-wide report on the current position of the Black and Minority Ethnic sector in the county. The report highlights the issues currently facing minority ethnic voluntary and community sector groups and recommends actions which deserve the immediate attention of the public and voluntary and community sectors.

 Click here to read the report: www.menter.org.uk/html/news.html#bmecvsherts

Cambridgeshire Carers' Assessment and Service Project

The Cambridgeshire Carers' Assessment and Service Project aims to ensure that all carers who provide regular and substantial care to people who meet Cambridgeshire County Council's eligibility criteria are encouraged to have assessment of their own needs. For example a carers' assessment will give the carer an opportunity to consider whether they are willing and able to continue caring at the current level of support, a chance to discuss how best the project can support them in their caring role and the consideration of their needs in relation to employment, leisure, social or training opportunities. The latest updates on the Carers' Assessment and Services Project, as well as the latest forms designed to record the assessments, are available on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social/carers/schccasp161106.htm

Seamless Support: A coordinated support system for Norfolk's third sector

Norwich and Norfolk Voluntary Services, West Norfolk Voluntary and Community Action, Norfolk Rural Community Council and The Guild are launching a co-ordinated support service across Norfolk for voluntary and community organisations and, in particular, social enterprises. The project will reduce duplication of services and also give emerging groups more tailored support appropriate to their needs. It will particularly aid the emergence of new social enterprises. The project is funded by the East of England Development Agency Investing in Communities fund.

A group might approach any of the four agencies to begin with and consult with them. They will also be referred to the support that is available and most suitable to their needs, whether it is provided in-house or with one of the other partners, and whether it is

- development advice – e.g. recruiting volunteers; adopting a legal structure
- business guidance – e.g. formulating business plans; managing accounts
- training – e.g. accredited business courses; fundraising workshops

Groups will also receive access to one to one coaching, training and a bursary scheme. For more information, including upcoming workshops and events visit: www.seamlessupport.co.uk

Life after discharge from secondary mental health services – consultation April 2007 - Involving Service Users request your views

Involving Service Users (ISU) is an independent organisation set up to consult users of mental health services in Norfolk for their views on key current issues. ISU seeks to take service users views to the people who make the decisions. Their aim is to support service user involvement in the provision of better mental health services locally. ISU invites service users to complete their questionnaire, in order to obtain views about the day services in Norfolk. For further information, please contact ISU on 01603 763444 or email to info@isu-norfolk.org

 **Click here to view questionnaire:** www.eastern.csip.org.uk/users-and-carers/users--carers-news.html



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National News

Public Health Programme - 'Physical Activity & Environment'

All registered stakeholders for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, Public Health Programme guidance on 'Physical Activity and Environment' were recently invited to comment on the synopsis of evidence and draft summaries of the evidence in order to assist in the development of the guidance. The aim of this process is to enable all stakeholders to consider the evidence that has been gathered and to provide an opportunity to comment on this.

The deadline for submission of responses to this consultation has been extended to 5pm on Tuesday 15 May 2007. All responses should be provided in writing using the stakeholder response form and forward to the following email address: phyactivityenvt@nice.org.uk.

Please find full details of the consultation process, as well as all relevant documents for this consultation on our website by following this direct link: <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/page.aspx?o=420920>

For more information, please contact Brian Travis, Project Co-ordinator on 020 7400 0686.

 **Click here to download the stakeholder response form:**
www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99184&grp=1

Seeking youth journalists

Do you have something to say about health issues affecting children and young people? Do you see topics in the media and want to give your opinion too?

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) are seeking views from young people. As part of the RCPCH youth participation project they are looking for young people to submit articles of up to 500 words for publication on their website, which highlight some of the health issues faced by young people today. Each month a different article is selected to be published on their website. The writer of the published article will receive a £10 book token and a certificate of their work. If you or a young person you know who would like to submit an article then please visit their website, www.rcpch.ac.uk/cayp/youth-journalists for the article criteria. Please submit your articles to infocyp@rcpch.ac.uk or post to Youth Journalists, RCPCH, 50 Hallam Street, London, W1W 6DE.

Child and adolescent mental health services: providing on-call 24-hour emergency cover report

This study examines the issues raised for providers and commissioners of child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) by the national target to provide on-call and 24-hour specialist cover by December 2006. It helps to determine what constitutes good practice and efficient strategies for delivering on-call emergency cover. A range of interest groups at national, regional and local level were consulted, along with commissioning trusts, providing innovative approaches to 24 hour cover or experiencing difficulties. A focused literature search identified innovatory models for providing emergency cover from locations outside the UK. The study also includes the results of an electronic survey of CAMHS providers in late autumn 2006, which investigated the quality and configuration of on-call services in place by the target date.

 **Click here for further information:** http://ioewebserver.ioe.ac.uk/ioe/cms/get.asp?cid=470&470_0=14098

Social Enterprise Coalition awards launched

The awards run by the Social Enterprise Coalition on behalf of the Office of the Third Sector, Royal Bank of Scotland and NatWest in association with the Department of Trade and Industry, Department for Education and Skills, Capacity Builders and The Observer are seeking applications from established social enterprises that are original and dynamic.

Social enterprises are businesses trading with a social purpose and, according to Gordon Brown, they are the "new frontier of British business". They could work in any trade sector, be any size or have any legal structure.

This year the Overall Winner will receive a cash prize of **£10,000** and a year's free membership to the Coalition. Three other finalists and the winner of the New Social Enterprise Award will receive **£5,000** each. For further information, please email award@socialenterprise.org.uk.

 **Click here for more information:** www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/employment.html

Getting Through - Access to mental health services for people who are homeless or living in temporary or insecure accommodation: A good practice guide

The purpose of this guide is to improve access to mental health services for people who are homeless or living in temporary or insecure accommodation. It was jointly commissioned by the Department of Health, Communities and Local Government, in collaboration with the Care Service Improvement Partnership. This guide is designed to help mental health practitioners, housing and homelessness practitioners and managers, commissioners and policy makers to identify problems of access to mental health care for this group of vulnerable people, and to develop services to overcome barriers.

 **Click here to download the guide:** www.socialinclusion.org.uk/home/index.php?subid=50#whatsnew23



Health Services Journal awards launched

The Health Service Journal (HSJ) awards for 2007 are now open and appealing for entries. There are 18 categories to enter covering every area of healthcare including a new award for Cost Effective Partnership Working. It's your chance to get recognition for your project, and for you and your colleagues to be rewarded for the hard work and commitment that makes a difference to the National Health Service. Even being on the shortlist for a HSJ category can open doors and lead to great things, past finalists can testify to the practical benefits they have gained. The HSJ Awards ceremony will be hosted on 19 November 2007 at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London. Entries must be submitted by 22 June 2007.



Click here for further information: www.hsjawards.co.uk/home.asp?m_pid=0&m_nid=18479

Innovations in Mental Health: any bright ideas?

Innovations in Mental Health are inviting project proposals from a frontline worker, service user or carer who may have a great idea for improving mental health services in the UK. Innovations in Mental Health is a new partnership between National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA), the Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Media, Mind, Rethink and the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health. The aim is to find and develop local ideas that with the right support and guidance have the potential to grow successfully into national projects with a real impact. These projects are likely to involve new and improved processes and services, but might also mean new products or technologies. For further information, please contact Dr Rowan Myron on 020 7803 1157 or email to rmyron@mhf.org.uk or visit their website www.nesta.org.uk/programmes/challenges/call_for_proposals/index.aspx



Click here to download the flyer: www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/mental-health-promotion-/mental-health-promotion--antistigma-news.html

Call for evidence: The human rights of adults with learning disabilities

The Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) has decided to inquire into the human rights of adults with learning disabilities, specifically looking at:

1. The extent to which the rights of adults with learning disabilities are currently being respected which raises fundamental issues of humanity, dignity, equality, autonomy and respect, and
2. Issues involving substantive human rights law such as the right to life, the prohibitions on inhuman/degrading treatment and unjustified discrimination, and the right to respect for private and family life.

The Committee's inquiry will consider the extent to which the state's positive obligations in this area require the Government to do more to remove the obstacles to such people accessing services and participating in the life of their communities without discrimination.



Click here to read the article: www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/joint_committee_on_human_rights.cfm

National Institute for Health Research programme grants for applied research

Programme Grants for Applied Research are prestigious awards of up to £2m over a period of three to five years, directed towards leading researchers who can demonstrate an impressive track-record of achievement in applied health research. Each programme will fund a series of related projects which form a coherent theme in an area of priority or need for the NHS. Deadline for Registration of Intent for the second competition is 5pm 27th April 2007.



Click here for more information: www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/programmegrants/default.cfm

National Institute for Health Research, Research for Patient Benefit Programme

The Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme is a nationally co-ordinated funding stream for regionally commissioned research. There are ten regional funding committees to commission local health service research. Budgets are in proportion to the regional population. The programme is run by the Central Commissioning Facility (CCF) to ensure there is parity between the regions. The CCF co-ordinates the application process and acts as secretariat to the regional funding committees. The national budget is £25 million per annum. Individual research projects can last for up to 36 months with a budget of up to £250,000. Deadline for Registration of Intent for the fourth competition is 5pm 10th August 2007.

 **Click here for more information:** www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/rfpb/default.cfm



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CSIP Eastern Development Centre Update

Getting to grips with commissioning for people with learning disabilities

This is a summary of a report from “getting to grips with the money” work led by the Care Services Improvement Partnership, which aims to help councils to respond to spending pressures in services for people with learning disabilities. The October 2005 report by the Association of Directors of Social Services on spending pressures in learning disability services showed that the number of people with learning disabilities getting help from councils is going up. Spending by councils on social care reached £2.6 billion in 2004/05, and is increasing by around 9 per cent per year in real terms. On top of this the NHS spent £2.3 billion, and £420 million came from the Supporting People budget. CSIP will work in partnership with In Control, and the regional centres for excellence in procurement.

 **Click here to access the report:** www.socialcare.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=80 or www.csip.org.uk/our-initiatives/social-care/getting-to-grips-with-the-money.html

Call for information & examples of good practice on involving Children and Young People in service design and delivery

CSIP Eastern has just appointed Vicki Surzyn in a new role for the next 6 months as Children and Young People’s Involvement and Participation Officer. This role will be used to begin some of the work around developing a regional database and resource library to collate details of all the groups set up to involve children and young people. It will also pull together in one place some of the examples of good practice on involving children and young people and the tools for setting up groups and meaningfully engaging with children and young people to shape service delivery and improvement.

If you have examples of good practice and information about what is going on in the region with regard to involving children and young people please email vicki.surzyn@nemhpt.nhs.uk or telephone directly 01206 287578 to share any information and to discuss how this work may link with work that you are doing.

Mental Capacity Act 2005 code of practice and summary update

The Mental Capacity code of practice was issued on 23 April 2007. For further information, please visit www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/mental-health-legislation/mental-capacity-act-mca/whats-new-with-mca.html

Louisa Brewster, Mental Health Legislation Programme Manager, CSIP Eastern Development Centre

Mental Capacity Act 2005 summary update

An updated summary of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 has been produced.

 Click here to download the summary: www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/mental-health-legislation/mental-capacity-act-mca.html

Louisa Brewster, Mental Health Legislation Programme Manager, CSIP Eastern Development Centre



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Events

Partners in Policymaking Eastern Region Information Days – April, May & June 2007, Hertfordshire, Essex, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk & Suffolk

Partners in Policymaking is a leadership development training programme for family and carers of disabled children and for disabled adults (self-advocates). For more information and to book a place, please contact Christine Redshaw by email: christine@inclusionpartnership.org.uk or call 01992 632730.

 Click here to read the flyer: www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99156&grp=1

West Norfolk Mental Health Service User Forum: 'Lets celebrate' conference – 3 May 2007, Suffolk

This conference is looking back over the past ten years and celebrating the achievements that service users & mental health professionals have made in West Norfolk by working together. For further information please call Sharon Picken on: 01533 816269

 Click here to view flyer and registration form: www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99155&grp=1

Capacity planning – May & June 2007, National

Research & Development in Mental Health (RSMH), Tribal and the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health (SCMH) have published a practical guide to capacity planning in mental health services. RSMH and Tribal, with support from SCMH, are holding seminars to promote the dissemination of the ideas and experiences referred to in the capacity planning paper. The seminars are to be held on the following days:

- 8 May 2007, SCMH offices London
- 16 May 2007, Tribal offices Bristol
- 21 May 2007, Tribal offices Birmingham
- 4 June 2007, Tribal offices Wakefield
- 5 June 2007, Tribal offices Manchester

For more information, please contact Phil Confue on 07843 369290, David Seward on 07949 086507 or email to yasmin.hassain@tribalgroup.co.uk.



Learning for Work: Employability and adults with disabilities – 14 May 2007, London

This conference will consider the implications of current Government policy on practice when supporting disabled adults in the transition from education and training into employment, and in particular the Learning and Skills Council's national strategy in this area; Learning for Living and Work. For more information, please contact Gurjit Kaur on 0116 204 2833 or email to gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk or visit: www.niace.org.uk/conferences/learning-for-work.htm.



Click here to download the flyer: www.eastern.csip.org.uk/events/events/noncsip-national--regional-events-of-interest.html

National Institute for Mental Health in England Development Conference - 17 May 2007, Leeds

A conference to launch the new learning and development toolkit for mental health. For further information, please email Anisa Mustafa: amustafa@lincoln.ac.uk



Click here to download the flyer: www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99157&grp=1

Schema-focussed therapy for personality disorder treatment Workshop – 18 May 2007, Cambridge

The CSIP Eastern Personality Disorder programme is pleased to announce a free workshop on schema-focussed therapy for personality disorder treatment [Warren Dennis, Senior Forensic Psychologist and Tejindre Kondel - Highly specialist clinical psychologist] to be held in The Bevan Room, Victoria House, Capital Park, Fulbourn, Cambridge 1-3pm. Places are limited. For more information and to register for a place please contact fiona.mcmillan-shields@csip.org.uk.

2nd Annual Enterprise and Mental Health Conference - 21 May 2007 - Manchester Business School

This follows on from last year's great success and strong interest in the opportunity of enterprise in this field. This year the focus will be not only on the prospects for individual entrepreneurs but also for social enterprises developing from the NHS.



Click here to download the flyer: www.eastern.csip.org.uk/events/events/noncsip-national--regional-events-of-interest.html

Risk Management Issues for Disabled Children's Services - 25 May 2007, Guilford

For more information and to download a booking form please visit: www.ncb.org.uk/Page.asp?originx3385bo_21153560490050s26x3337257361

Keeping Disabled Children Safe – 11 June, 6 November 2007 & 7 February 2008, London, Sheffield & York

A one-day course to raise awareness of and develop strategies for, safeguarding disabled children from the National Children's Bureau. For more information, please contact National Children's Bureau Training Department on 020 7843 6084/1906 or email to training@ncb.org.uk.



Click here to download the flyer: www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99134&grp=1



'Showing off our Bits' - Sharing good practice & partnership working – 28 June 2007, North Wales

This is an opportunity to learn from North Wales Learning Disability Nurses about their innovative resources and approaches to supporting and educating individuals who have a learning disability. For further information, please contact to Penny Tomlinson on 01352 701098 or email penny.tomlinson@flintshire.gov.uk.



Click here to download the flyer:

www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/profileevents.cfm?pagecode=ISRVATEV&areacode=ld_attitudes_events&id=5419

Involving Disabled Children in Planning and Reviews – 28 June & 28 November 2007, Leeds & London

A one-day course looking at effective communication with disabled children in order to develop strategies to ensure they're involved in every aspect of their lives. For more information, please contact National Children's Bureau Training Department on 020 7843 6084/1906 or email to training@ncb.org.uk.



Click here to download the flyer: www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99135&grp=1

Nacro's 7th Annual Mental Health and Crime Conference – 5 & 6 September 2007, University of Nottingham

The development of an integrated health strategy for all offenders at different points of the criminal justice system, including those offenders supervised in the community can make a positive difference in tackling health inequalities, reducing re-offending and social exclusion. Nacro's 7th Annual Mental Health and Crime Conference will consider how services can be delivered along the Offender Mental Health Pathway to achieve those aims. For more information, please call the Events Department on 0207 840 6448 or email events@nacro.org.uk.



Click here to download the flyer: www.nacro.org.uk/about/Ltest.pdf



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Useful Resources

Involving Service Users involvement opportunities April 2007

You can now view the latest involvement opportunities in relation to mental health services.



Click here to view the opportunity list: www.isu-norfolk.org/opportunity.htm

Nacro - Mentally Disordered Offenders monthly digest

You can now read the latest edition of the MDO digest from Nacro's Mental Health Unit. The aim of this monthly digest is to provide news on issues that may be of interest to those working with offenders with mental health needs.



Click here to access the digest: www.nacromentalhealth.org.uk/mhu/about/news.htm

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) – Supporting Self Advocacy

The purpose of this report is to share ideas about self-advocacy for people with learning disabilities and those who are committed to supporting self-advocacy such as service providers, commissioners, parents and carers.

 Click here to read the report: www.scie.org.uk/publications/positionpapers/pp06.pdf

Nest Newsletter issue 46

You can now view the latest newsletter from the North Essex Stronger Together newsletter

 Click here to access the newsletter: www.nest-network.co.uk/news.php

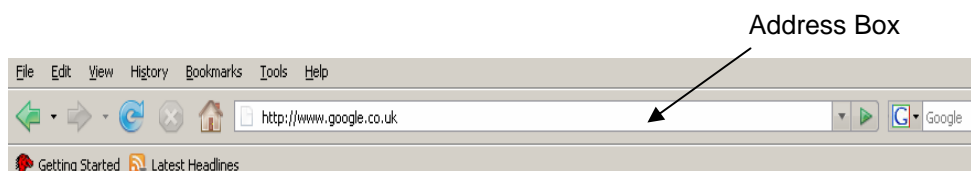


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Other information about the Eastern Development Centre

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 – **Rob Jayne & Amanda Hawkins 01206 287578**
- 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 287592**
- Older People and Physical Disabilities – **Angie Glew 07775 906892**
- Adult Social Care – **Amanda Reynolds 07775 631510**

 [To download a copy of our 2005/06 Mental Health Prospectus, click here](#)

 For access to our website click on the link: <http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/>

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