

# e-bulletin

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Welcome to our regular e-bulletin, which is circulated every fortnight. 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

### Conference tackles the social exclusion of gypsy & traveller children and young people

Children and young people from Gypsy and Traveller communities face unacceptable and largely unrecognised levels of racism and discrimination. That was the conclusion of a recent conference examining the social exclusion of Gypsy and Traveller children and young people. For full details, please read the press release.

 Click here for press release: [www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99381&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99381&grp=1)

### Involving Service Users May 2007 opportunities

Involving Service Users (ISU) is an independent service user led consultation and involvement organisation funded by Norfolk Social Services and Norfolk Primary Care Trust. Whilst funded by the health and social services sector, ISU sits in the voluntary sector which ensures ISU is an independent voice for service user views.

There is a range of ways to become involved with ISU's work and they produce a monthly list of opportunities available for Service User Involvement in relation to Mental Health Services in Norfolk. For further information, please contact ISU on 01603 763444 or email: [info@isu-norfolk.org](mailto:info@isu-norfolk.org)

 Click here to view the opportunities available: [www.isu-norfolk.org/opportunity.htm](http://www.isu-norfolk.org/opportunity.htm)

## Rethink Bridges staff and members receive civic award

Rethink Bridges is a safe environment provided in partnership between staff and members (service users) and work towards goals of empowerment. Information and mental health support is provided in addition to opportunities to participate in their project and worthwhile activities.

Rethink Bridges was nominated for and received an award at the Civic Award Ceremony held at Norwich City Council. The Civic award was for their voluntary organisation's contribution to making a difference to the lives of citizens in Norwich over the last year. The staff and members also received the Sheriff's award as the overall award winner, for contributing most to the lives of the City of Norwich. This is fantastic recognition for all involved at Rethink Bridges, particularly as the nominations were from members of the community. The staff and members of Rethink Bridges would like to thank those who funded, helped, advised and worked alongside them.



Click here to view photos of Bridges receiving award:

[www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99424&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99424&grp=1)

## North Essex Stronger Together - the user involvement network for people who use mental health services in north Essex - are re-launching Open Mental Health Forums in Harlow.

The first new forum held by Nest will be on 6 June at The Rainbow Centre, 2 Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP and the main focus of the forum will be employment.

Together with Employ-Ability, the Harlow based charity promoting access to employment for disabled and disadvantaged people plan to help with the following questions:

- What is the point of getting a job?
- Would I cope with employment?
- What can I offer an employer if I return to work and
- What options are open to me?

For further details, please contact Christine McDonald at Nest Chelmsford Office on 01245 350216.



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## National News

### Call for information and research input: the Commission for Disabled Staff in Lifelong Learning

The National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) is launching the Commission for Disabled Staff in Lifelong Learning, in order to identify the issues and experiences of disabled staff working in lifelong learning (including further and higher education, adult and community learning and work based learning). They would like to hear from a broad range of people and organisations, including disabled staff working at all levels and in all roles in lifelong learning, human resources departments, senior managers, disabled people who have left their job in the lifelong learning sector for reasons relating to their learning difference/impairment/health condition, disabled people who have been unable to gain employment in lifelong learning, disabled people's advocacy organisations and other professional bodies. They are keen to gather different perspectives and would welcome multiple responses from within the same organisation.

See 'Events' section for seminar on the Commission for Disabled Staff in Lifelong Learning.



Click here for more information: [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education.html)

## Good practices in learning disability nursing

The Department of Health, together with a range of stakeholders, is currently developing guidance on 'Good practices in Learning Disability Nursing'. This project was announced last year by Chief Nursing Officer, Chris Beasley, and is intended to highlight how learning disability nurses can make the greatest contribution possible to the well-being of people with a learning disability in the future. A key aspect of this work is to find the very best of current practice. The Mental Health Nursing Team has written a brief summary of their planned work around the good practice guidance. The summary includes a request for good practice examples. For further information, please email Dr Neil Brimblecombe on [neil.brimblecombe@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:neil.brimblecombe@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

 **Click here to read the summary:** [www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99419&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99419&grp=1)

## Research funding opportunities

A number of various organisations invite applications for research projects to be funded by their research grants scheme.

 **Click here for a list of research opportunities available:** [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/research/funding-for-research-opportunities.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/research/funding-for-research-opportunities.html)

## Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health: Research priorities for patient-carer centred mental health services consultation

There is very little work that sets out the research priorities for developing patient and carer focused services. Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health carried out two projects to identify the research priorities for the next five years. They were funded by the National Collaborating Centre for Service, Delivery and Organisation (SDO).

1. A literature review for patient and carer-centre mental health research priorities.
2. Patient and carer-centred mental health research priorities for the medium to long term: a consultation exercise

The full report and accompanying literature review from the consultation looking at patient and carer-centred mental health services conducted by the Sainsbury Centre, has now been made available by the SDO. For more information about this project, please contact Chiara Samele on 020 7827 8301 or email: [chiara.samele@scmh.org.uk](mailto:chiara.samele@scmh.org.uk)

 **Click here to read the report and literature review:** [www.scmh.org.uk/80256FBD004F6342/vWeb/wpKHAL6VUEQ3](http://www.scmh.org.uk/80256FBD004F6342/vWeb/wpKHAL6VUEQ3)



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## CSIP Eastern Development Centre Update

### Eastern Region contributes to the National Direct Payments Solution Set!

The Increasing the Uptake of Direct Payments project has been providing the means for people from all local authorities around the country to come together to work on, and share ideas about, how to increase direct payments uptake. The two events in the Eastern region took place at Newmarket in January and March, and involved people from every local authority area in the region: people using direct payments, carers, support service providers and local council direct payments scheme staff. The second of these events in each region invited the sharing of effective solutions to problems people have encountered, for inclusion in a 'national solution set' which will be launched by Social Care Minister, Ivan Lewis, at an event for councillors and local authority directors in Manchester on 21 May 2007. The Eastern Region produced contributions to every one of the six main categories into which the solutions will be presented as part of the Self-directed Support Network on the CSIP Knowledge Community. It will have a publicly accessible web address, which the direct payment team will notify of the address once it is in operation.

**Robin Murray-Neill - CSIP Self directed support programme, direct payments lead.**



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## Events

### Building Cohesion & Addressing Social Exclusion in Gypsy Traveller Communities - 8 June 2007, Cambridge

The Conference will have four sessions which will look in turn at: provision of sites, issues facing Gypsies and Travellers, delivery of education services, access to healthcare and social exclusion as well as gender and race equality issues. For further information, please contact Sue Houlder on 01284 729421 or e-mail: [sue.houlder@eera.gov.uk](mailto:sue.houlder@eera.gov.uk)

 **Click here for more information:** [www.eera.gov.uk/Event.asp?id=SXB42F-A77FBF76&cat=186](http://www.eera.gov.uk/Event.asp?id=SXB42F-A77FBF76&cat=186)

### The Commission for Disabled Staff in Lifelong Learning: Involve and Influence: Disabled Staff Seminars – 7, 12 & 25 June 2007, Wales, Sheffield & London

Do disabled staff have equality at work in the Lifelong Learning Sector, what are the challenges for employers and how do we recognise best practice? These seminars will give disabled staff, human resource managers and senior managers an opportunity to review and discuss the evidence provided to the Commission for Disabled Staff in Lifelong Learning so far.

 **Click here for more information:** [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education.html)

### Back to Basics – 12 June 2007, Grays Thurrock

Social Enterprise North Essex Stronger Together (SENEST), Thurrock Community Volunteer Service and Thurrock Enterprise Agency is holding an event specifically for all Community and Voluntary organisations in the Grays Thurrock area, emerging social enterprises, and those from the Third Sector. This event is an introduction to Social Enterprise, the efforts from central and local government to encourage enterprise in public service delivery, and a great chance to network with others in a similar situation.

 **Click here to view the flyer:** [www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99420&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99420&grp=1)



## **Growing the Profile of Co-operatives and Mutuals in the Eastern Region – 13 June 2007, Ipswich**

An invitation to attend the Co-operatives and Mutuals in the Eastern Region's launch of Co-operatives East. For further information, please contact Gill Miller on 07909 915615 or email: [sunset@phonecoop.coop](mailto:sunset@phonecoop.coop)

 **Click here to view the flyer:** [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/events/events/noncsip-national--regional-events-of-interest.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/events/events/noncsip-national--regional-events-of-interest.html)

## **Better Commissioning Learning Improvement Network Conferences – 13, 14, 22 & 29 June 2007, London & Manchester**

The Better Commissioning Learning Improvement Network (BCLIN) brings together groups of senior staff within social care, health, housing and the independent sector interested in forging closer partnerships to improve commissioning that will facilitate improvements in social care delivery and practice. The BCLIN is holding the following conferences.

- Commissioning Services for Children, Young People and Families – 13 June 2007, London
- Third Sector Commissioning - Working Together to Deliver Better Public – 14 June 2007, London
- Commissioning High Quality Maternity Care in a Changing Health Economy – 22 & 29 June 2007 - London & Manchester.

For further information, please contact Nick Rotsides on 020 7808 5290 or email: [nick.rotsides@capita.co.uk](mailto:nick.rotsides@capita.co.uk)

 **Click here for further information:** [www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=41](http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=41)

## **Guidance for workplaces on the promotion of good mental health in employees Stakeholder meeting - 20 June 2007, London**

The Stakeholder Meeting aim is to discuss the Draft Scope for the Workplace Mental Health guidance and would like to invite representatives from your organisation to join the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence at this event.

Please ensure that your organisation has first registered as a stakeholder for this intervention guidance on the NICE website before registering for the event: <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/page.aspx?o=370694>. For further information, please call 020 7400 0686 or email: [workplacementalhealth@nice.org.uk](mailto:workplacementalhealth@nice.org.uk)

 **Click here to download the registration form:**  
[www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99422&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99422&grp=1)

## **'Mental Capacity Act 2005 - raising awareness and exploring the impact for people with learning disabilities' June 2007, various locations**

The aim of these events is to raise awareness of the potential impact of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and provide the opportunity to explore what it could mean on a day to day basis for people with learning disabilities, family carers, frontline support workers and multi-disciplinary professionals.

5 regional events

- 20 June 2007, South West
- 21 June 2007, Midlands
- 22 June 2007, North Wales
- 28 June 2007, North East
- 29 June, South East

For more information, please email: [learning@bild.org.uk](mailto:learning@bild.org.uk)

 **Click here for more information:** [www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Mental\\_Capacity\\_Act\\_2005.html](http://www.bildservices.org.uk/acatalog/Mental_Capacity_Act_2005.html)



### **Third Sector Procurement – 22 June 2007, Chelmsford**

East of England Development Agency fund invested in communities for Mid & West Essex. Following the success of the previous procurement events, the programme for enhancing procurement for the third sector is continuing.

 **Click here to view the flyer:** [www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99421&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99421&grp=1)


### **Implementing the new Mental Health Act – 22 June 2007, London**

The aim of this one-day conference is to provide an opportunity for delegates to learn about and discuss the changes in the Mental Health Act and how they will affect mental health practice and the service user experience on the frontline. For further information, please call 08708 901080 or email: [info@pavpub.com](mailto:info@pavpub.com)

 **Click here for more details:** [www.pavpub.com/pavpub/conferences/showfull.asp?Conference=608](http://www.pavpub.com/pavpub/conferences/showfull.asp?Conference=608)

### **Child Protection in the Digital Environment - 25 June 2007, London**

This national conference on protecting children online will bring together representatives from schools, the police, children's services and industry to consider and discuss the tools and strategies available to keep children safe in the digital environment.

 **Click here to flyer the flyer and to book a place:**  
[www.capitaconferences.co.uk/OurConferences/Police/child+protection.htm](http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/OurConferences/Police/child+protection.htm)

### **MIND Training Courses 2007 – June, November & October, London**

A list of 2007 training courses:

- 5-6 June or 6-7 November 2007- Legal rights and mental health
- 13 June or 12 September 2007 - Service user involvement
- 17 October 2007 - Psychiatric drugs
- 12 October 2007 - Making sense of voices
- 14 November 2007 - Mental health awareness

 **Click here fro more information:** [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/mental-health-promotion-/mental-health-promotion--antistigma-news.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/mental-health-promotion-/mental-health-promotion--antistigma-news.html)

### **Sustaining comprehensive Children and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) delivery – 5 July 2007, Leicester**

This conference aims to reiterate the principles of Standard 9 of the National Service Framework children, young people and maternity services and to run a series of action focused workshops on the CAMH service improvement. For further information, please contact Louise Appleby on 0116 222 0004 or email: [info@key-note.co.uk](mailto:info@key-note.co.uk)

 **Click here to download the flyer and registration form:**  
[www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99423&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99423&grp=1)



## **The Daksha & Freya Emson third perinatal mental health conference – 6 July 2007, Chelmsford**

The third annual conference is to be held at Anglia Ruskin University, Rivermead Campus, in collaboration with North Essex Mental Health Partnership Trust and South East Essex Primary Care Trust. Anglia Ruskin University are pleased to announce that CSIP Eastern Development Centre have kindly agreed to sponsor 25 places at this conference for those who are working in the area of perinatal mental health in the Eastern region. If you would like a programme of the day or an application form to attend, please contact June Petrie, e-mail [j.h.petrie@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:j.h.petrie@anglia.ac.uk)

 **Click here to view the flyer:** [www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=98397&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=98397&grp=1)

## **Quality of later life: Learning in care settings revisited - 10 July 2007, London**

This conference aims to determine how current social, health, education and older people's policies, actions and procedures can help create and sustain education programmes for older people and look at some current good practice. For further information, please contact Gurjit Kaur on 0116 204 2833 or email: [gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk](mailto:gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk)

 **Click here to view the flyer:** [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education/national-information-education.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education/national-information-education.html)

## **Building resilience and thriving recovery workshop – 17 & 20 July, Manchester & Sheffield**

This workshop will challenge traditional thinking and concepts of mental illness. For further information, please contact Peter Bullimore at the Hearing Voices Group on 07714930740

 **Click here to view the flyer:** [www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99383&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99383&grp=1)

## **CHANGE Moving Forward Conference: Parents with learning disabilities want a better future -19 July 2007, Leeds.**

CHANGE is a leading national organisation that supports and gives a voice to people with learning disabilities. At this conference CHANGE will be launching a new book called 'You and Your Little Child'. This book is in easy words and pictures and supports parents with learning disabilities. For more information, please contact Centrevents on 020 8922 1135 or E-mail: [info@centrevents.co.uk](mailto:info@centrevents.co.uk)

 **Click here to view the flyer:** [www.centrevents.co.uk/Events/change2007.htm](http://www.centrevents.co.uk/Events/change2007.htm)



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## **Useful Resources**

### **East Together newsletter summer 2007**

East Together, the Eastern Region Partnership, have just published their biannual newsletter. To receive hard copies of this newsletter please email Jackie Jackson-Smith on [Jackie.JacksonSmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Jackie.JacksonSmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or phone 01223 716870

 **Click here to access the newsletter:** <http://www.easttogether.org.uk/FileSystem/upfile/j00002/Together%20May%2007.pdf>

## CSIP NIMHE Update June 2007

You can now view the latest newsletter from CSIP National Institute for Mental Health in England.

 Click here to access the newsletter: [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/resources/other-bulletins-of-interest.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/resources/other-bulletins-of-interest.html)

## Charities briefing April 2007

You can now view the April edition of the newsletter from Anthony Collins Solicitors

 Click here to access the newsletter:  
[www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99418&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99418&grp=1)

## Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) bulletin

You can now view the latest edition of the LINKs bulletin.

 Click here to access the bulletin: [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/users-and-carers/involvement/local-involvement-networks-links.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/users-and-carers/involvement/local-involvement-networks-links.html)

## Mental Health in Higher Education news bulletin

You can now view the latest newsletter from mhhe.

 Click here to access the bulletin: [www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99382&grp=1](http://www.kc.csip.org.uk/viewresource.php?action=viewdocument&pid=0&doc=99382&grp=1)

## NIACE/NIMHE (CSIP)/Learning and Skills Council Partnership Project newsletter

The National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE)/National Institute for Mental Health in England (NIMHE)/ Learning and Skills Council (LSC) Partnership Project has been set up to promote and improve access to learning and skills for people experiencing mental health difficulties. You can now view the fourth edition of the NIACE/NIMHE/LSC Partnership Project newsletter

 Click here to access the newsletter: [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education/national-information-education.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/our-work/social-inclusion/education/national-information-education.html)

## Social Enterprise Matters newsletter issue 8

Social Enterprise Network for Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock produces a monthly newsletter.

 Click here to access the newsletter: [www.eastern.csip.org.uk/resources/other-bulletins-of-interest.html](http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/resources/other-bulletins-of-interest.html)



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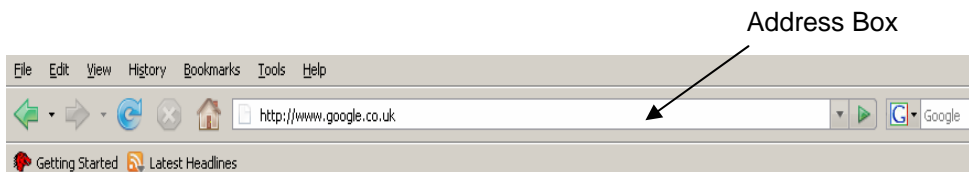
## Please Note:

### CSIP Eastern Development Centre email address change

As from Friday 25 May 2007 all CSIP Eastern Staff email address will be changing from [firstname.surname@nemhpt.nhs.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@nemhpt.nhs.uk) to [firstname.surname@csip.org.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@csip.org.uk). North Essex Mental Health Partnership Trust emails addresses will not be changing.

### Hyperlinks:

If you find the links do not work this maybe because your computer is not compatible, click on the internet and type in the web address into the address box on the internet tool bar.



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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