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

If you have any information or ideas for the Bulletin please contact [Rhiannon Williams](#), Communications Assistant at 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

Short, practical and accredited skills development for people in voluntary/ community groups and organisations

The Institute of Continuing Education - Cambridge University's adult education department - has come up with a new range of exciting and practical open-entry courses specially for volunteers and professionals engaged in voluntary and community work and people wishing to develop social enterprise options.

 [Click here for more information](#)

Notification of the Essex Strategic Health Authority Board meeting

The next Strategic Health Authority meeting will be held in public at the regular starting time of 9.30am on Wednesday 31 May in the Waterfront Hall, Waterfront Place, Wharf Road, Chelmsford, Essex. There will be a presentation from John Gilham, Chief Executive of The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust on the subject of 'Striving for Reliable, Safe and Effective Care'.

 [Click here for more details](#)



TaCMEP – A needs analysis of the Minority Ethnic Communities living in Tendring and Colchester

This analysis was published by the Tendring and Colchester Minority Ethnic Partnership in March 2006. The results of the needs analysis, although focusing primarily on issues of health provision, does present questions and issues for all statutory services to consider in respect of the provision they offer to BME communities. The study whilst unsurprising in its conclusions and recommendations, does offer for the first time local evidence of the issues and barriers faced by many BME groups and individuals.

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

Eastern Housing Network meeting

The Housing LIN is the national network for promoting new ideas and supporting change in the delivery of housing, care and support services for older and vulnerable people. It has the lead for supporting the implementation and sharing the learning from the Department of Health's £147m Extra Care Housing Grant arrangements and related housing, care and support capital and revenue programmes. The LIN was established in 2002 under the auspices of the Health and Social Care Change Agent Team in the Care Service Improvement Service (CSIP) at the Department of Health. It works alongside other government departments and professional networks, in particular the CSIP Telecare LIN, the Better Commissioning LIN and the Integrated Care Network.

The next Eastern Housing Network meeting is going to be held on the 5 June in Chelmsford. If you wish to attend please contact Alex Billeter to register a place.

 **Contact: Alex Billeter at housinglin@cat.csip.org.uk**

National Carer's Week in Norfolk, 12 – 18 June, 2006: Press Release

Crossroads 24 Hour Helpline and the Norwich & District Carers Forum are co-hosting this year's National Carers Week in Norfolk (June 12-18) by launching a week, filled with activities throughout the County at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich on Tuesday June 13th. The Launch will be opened by The Rt. Worshipful, The Lord Mayor of Norwich at 10.00 am and will host over eighty voluntary and statutory organisations providing Advice and Information on services available for Carers in Norfolk.

 [Click here for more information and to read the press release](#)

Advert for a full-time Clinical Studies Officer: East Anglian Hub, Cambridge

Applications are invited for 1 full-time Clinical Studies Officer to join the East Anglia Hub of the UK Mental Health Research Network to be based in Cambridge. Applications are invited from appropriate social science graduates, nurses and/or other mental health and/or social-care professionals with knowledge of research and at least 2-year experience of working in an NHS in a mental health setting or social care environment with service user contact. The posts are available from the 1st June 2006 (or sooner) and will be for 2 years in the first instance (linked to funding and subject to performance monitoring).

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National News

Social Inclusion and Psychiatrists paper

This paper written by David Kingdon, of the University of Southampton, Shula Ramon, of the Polytechnic University of East Anglia and Rachel Perkins and David Morris both of NIHM describes how Psychiatrists can contribute to recovery and inclusion by developing their motivational role. This includes exploring the person's social and psychological situation whenever meeting him/her, i.e. not only about symptoms and medication, but also social networks, education, employment, volunteering and other forms of community participation.

 [Click here to read the report](#)

First ever National Director for Health and Work

Professor Dame Carol Black, one of the nation's top doctors and President of the Royal College of Physicians, was today named as the Government's first ever National Director for Health and Work. She will spearhead initiatives promoting and improving health in the workplace, ensuring that people with health conditions and disabilities are supported to enter, return to and continue in work.

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


From Values to Action: the Chief Nursing Officer's review of Mental Health Nursing

This report by the Department of Health sets out recommendations for guiding the development of mental health nursing, with the core aim of improving the outcomes and experience of care for service users and carers. 'From Values to Action' makes a number of recommendations for good practice that apply to services across the whole age range. The report focuses in particular on nursing practice, education and the organisational context in which care is provided.

 [Click here to access the full report](#)

Response to consultation on Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) Service

This document provides a summary of the responses to the consultation exercise on the operation and implementation of the Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) service created in the Mental Capacity Act 2005, as well as the Government response.

 [Click here to read the document](#)
Contact: IMCA@dh.gsi.gov.uk

A New Ambition for Old Age

This was published by the Department of Health on 20 April. The 'Next Steps in Implementing the National Service Framework for Older People' covers three themes: Dignity in Care, Joined Up Care and Healthy Ageing, and sets out priorities for the next phase of reform. Further background is in a resource document.

 [Click here for access to the documents](#)

Safeguarding children - a guide to interagency working

Revised guidance on Working Together to Safeguard children was published on 6 April. It is addressed to senior / operational managers responsible for commissioning or providing services to children.

 [Click here to download the documents](#)
Contact Alison Beedie via MB-Childrens-Health@dh.gsi.gov.uk

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) is a key part of delivering frontline services that are integrated and focused around the needs of children and young people. The CAF is a standardised approach to conducting an assessment of a child's additional needs and deciding how those needs should be met. This best practice guidance for managers and practitioners on how to use the CAF Framework, is accompanied by a new version of the CAF form and further training materials on integrated working.

 [Click here to download the document](#)
Contact Alison Beedie via MB-Childrens-Health@dh.gsi.gov.uk

The Lead Professional

The lead professional coordinates provision across agencies offering a single point of contact for the child and their family. This new best practice guidance will help managers to implement the role, and help practitioners carry out lead professional work.

 [Click here to download a copy](#)
Contact Alison Beedie via MB-Childrens-Health@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Mental Health and Ethnicity Census to run for second year

The ethnicity, religion and language of an estimated 35,000 mental health inpatients and 5000 people with learning disabilities will be recorded on March 31st 2006 across England and Wales. It is the second year the Census has been undertaken and is the first time that the ethnicity of people in learning disability units will be recorded in this way.

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



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Development Centre Update

Our Health, Our Care, Our Say: Regional Ministerial Launch – 22 June 2006, Stansted

This event aims to provide an opportunity to discuss the proposals contained in the White Paper, to share ideas about opportunities, priorities and issues and to develop local action plans for implementation. As well as keynote speeches from the Minister and Regional leaders in health, local government and social services, there will be two workshop cycles. One will be on the key themes in the White Paper and the other to enable locality leaders to come together to build on discussions about local issues and priorities and develop firm plans for taking them forward.

 [Click here for more information and the registration form – check website](#)

Choice and Control: Direct Payments and Individual Budgets – 25 May 2006, Norwich

This one day event aims to inform people about direct payments and individual budgets, describe how direct payments work in practice and explore what we do well and what we could do better.

 [Click here for more information](#)

Networks Event – 7 July 2006, Luton Hat Factory (to be held quarterly)

In March 2006, The Department of Health launched the Vocational services for people with severe mental health problems: Commissioning Guidance, From Segregation to inclusion: Commissioning guidance on day services for people with mental health problems and Direct Payments for people with mental health problems. CSIP also published Womens only Day Services Guidance which was launched at the same time. We are planning to hold two networks, Day Services and Vocational Services. We will hold the networks on the same day with a networking lunch to encourage interaction and cross working.

 [Click here for more information](#)

Welfare to Work: Empowering People to Work – event feedback

The Welfare to Work: Empowering People to Work event took place on the 28 March and was attended by eighty five people from across the region. It was one of seven events run nationally. To read more about the outcomes from this Consultation Event and download associated documents, click on the links below.

 [Click here for more information](#)

Directory of Mental Health Research in Eastern England – Reminder!!

This is a reminder that the deadline for submissions to the updated Directory of Mental Health Research Eastern England is Friday 19 May 2006. For further information on the directory and to access the submission template, click on the links below.

 [To access the template and for more information click here](#)
[Contact Sarah Thurlow, Regional Fellow Social Care Research](#)



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Other Events

Healthy Places, Healthy People – CABE health week 2006, 15-19 May, London

Health week at the CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment) headquarters in London will focus on how our surroundings can affect our health and wellbeing. Among the events you can look at what impact the design of health buildings have on healing, how parks and public spaces can improve our physical and mental health, including the possibility of planning healthy neighbourhoods and how the environmental set-up of our buildings can affect us.

 [Click here for more information about the health week](#)

Supporting Young Offenders with Mental Health Needs – 23 May 2006, London

Bringing together representatives from across the youth justice sector, voluntary sector, child and adolescent mental health services and government, this important conference will explore the latest initiatives to support young offenders with mental health needs and examine how this support can be developed and improved in the community and in custody.

 [Click here for more information](#)

British Association for Supported Employment Annual Conference – 7-9 June 2006, Portsmouth

BASE promotes supported employment through its regional networks and by being a hub of information and good practice. This year's conference intends to inform and raise awareness of best practice across the country. It offers an opportunity to network with a variety of organisations and discuss the delivery of high quality supported employment provision.

 [Click here for more information](#)

National Welfare Reform Conference: Providing Support and Realising Aspiration – 22 June 2006, Westminster

Hosted by The House Magazine on the 22 June in Westminster, delegates will have the chance to hear from a number of prominent experts with a whole range of perspectives about the Government's Welfare Reform. There will be a particular emphasis on reforming incapacity benefit, extending support to lone parents and extending support to older workers.

 [Click here for more information and the registration form](#)

National Inquiry into Self-Harm among Young People – 6 July 2006, London

This is one of two national conferences looking into recommendations and implementing a model for change with regards to self-harm among young people. The event is in association with the Mental Health Foundation and will look into the recommendations from the inquiry report.

 [Click here for more information about the event](#)

The first Cambridge Autism Research Conference – 18 September 2006, Cambridge

This is a one-day opportunity to hear lectures and view posters summarising latest research from scientists in the UK, including those at the Autism Research Centre, Cambridge. Conference themes include: Autism cognitive neuroscience, Autism diagnostics, Autism genetics plus others.

 [Click here for more information & registration](#) (Discount applies until 31 May 2006)

Implementing the Revised Mental Health Bill – 27 September 2006, London

Concerns surrounding the complexity and length of the Draft Mental Health Bill 2004 have provided grounds for the launch of a newly revised shorter, cost and time effective Mental Health Act. This is a practical one day guide to implementing the mental health bill. There is also the Implementation Debate: your chance to question an expert panel.

 [Click here for the conference flyer](#)
Email: sarah@healthcare-events.co.uk or visit their website at www.healthcare-events.co.uk



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Useful Resources

Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine

If you are interested in finding out more about alternative and complementary medicine and therapies then this website may be of interest to you. Click on the link below for access to the website where you can read abstracts of articles written and sign up to read the full reports.

 [Click here for the journal website](#)

Adult Learner's Week: Resources packs still available for you to order!

If you're organising an event for Adult Learners' Week, 20-26 May 2006, and want to promote learning and draw attention to your education provision, why not take advantage of the promotional items NIACE produce for you? The materials, such as posters, bookmarks, postcards and pens, are a great way of helping you to attract more and different adults.

 [Click here for more information](#)

The Mental Health Act Commissioning Report

The Mental Health Act Commission is charged with monitoring the implementation of powers and discharge of duties arising from the detention and treatment of patients under the Mental Health Act 1983. This report is based upon work over the financial years 2003/04 to 2004/05, during which time the authors have continued to visit all psychiatric facilities that detain patients, and meet with patients in private.

 [Click here to read the full report](#)

Valuing People Support Team Newsletter

Set up as part of the Valuing People White Paper, the Valuing Support Team of the Care Services Improvement Partnership is the Government's plan for making the lives of people with learning disabilities and their families better. They do this by working with Learning Disabilities Boards, local people and organisations and Government departments. They produce a newsletter every three months.

 [Click here for more information about the team](#)

 [Click here to access the latest Spring Newsletter and past issues](#)

Harkness Fellowships

The fellowships in Healthcare Policy aim to develop policy expertise amongst senior healthcare professionals who already have an interest in health policy development and implementation. The Fellowships, run in conjunction with the Commonwealth Fund of New York, provide fellows with the opportunity to spend a year in the United States, with a paid sabbatical from their existing roles.

 [Click here for more information](#)

Leaders for Change award

The Leaders for Change award offers a unique opportunity for experienced healthcare professionals to acquire the skills & knowledge necessary to lead change and achieve lasting improvements in patient care. The scheme aims to help award holders develop a new understanding of the change process, while practically applying new skills to a specific work project.

 [Click here for more information](#)

Mental Health Research: East Anglian Hub Newsletter

The East Anglian Hub, led by Professor Peter Jones, comprises a partnership between NHS Mental Health and Social Care services, primary care trusts and university departments in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk, together with integration with the NIMHE Eastern RDC and Eastern Region Public Health Observatory. The local Trusts have a strong track record in hosting NHS R&D and social care research, including multi-centre trials.

 [To read the May newsletter, click here](#)

Other Bulletins you may find of interest

We hope that you find our bulletin informative and useful. Several other organisations also produce electronic bulletins which we think you may find interesting. We have collated links to those from our website. If you have a bulletin you would like to promote then please let us know by clicking on the link below.

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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)
- Health and Social Care in Criminal Justice
- Learning and Improvement Networks
- Learning Disabilities (Valuing People Support Team, VPST)
- Mental Health (National Institute for Mental Health in England, NIMHE)
- Older People and Physical Disabilities (Change Agent Team, CAT that includes Integrated Community Equipment Services), and
- Social Care.



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



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