



NORTH WEST TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT TEAM *Documents listed in the Health section of the NWTDT website can be reached via:*
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**HEALTH & LEARNING DISABILITIES
NETWORK NEWSLETTER**
11th January 2008.



Valuing People Now was launched on 4th December 2007 . Please note that the consultation period has been increased and the closing date is now March 28 instead of March 11.

Fiona Ritchie has asked us to share the **Healthcare Commission's Evaluation of a national audit of specialist inpatient healthcare services for people with learning difficulties in England**. Find a copy in the health section of the NWTDT website.

The Healthcare Commission and Care Services Improvement Partnership are holding joint workshops '**A Life Like No Other: breaking the cycle**', and are formally inviting you to attend.

These workshops aim to update and forward plan with senior commissioners, professionals and managers on specialist learning disabilities health services. This is an important event to set the scene and change current practice outlined in the recent publication by the Healthcare Commission.

The workshops are being held on the following dates. This means you can choose the date and area that best suits you.

- Wednesday 20 February 2008, York Racecourse
- Tuesday 11 March 2008, Think tank, Birmingham
- Thursday 13 March 2008, Church House, London

If you would like to attend the event please contact Deb Campbell by the 1 February 2008, on deb.campbell@healthcarecommission.org.uk or 0121 713 8092. Please provide any special requirements you may have for the day.

Good Practices in Learning Disability Nursing Guidance launched December by the Department of Health:
<http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/guidance3.pdf>

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS & FEEDBACK

Dates for 2008 Network meetings: 19th February; 8th May; 11th September and; 27th November
Meetings will run from 10.30am (10am for coffee) and finish at 4pm - this gives us an extra hour

19th February NWTDT Health & LD Network meeting

Gwen Moulster - Project Officer - Good Practice in LD Nursing at DH will attend the February meeting.

We will compile our response to the Health Section of Valuing People Now

We will also agree our approach to mapping services.

The Agenda will be circulated later this month but you can book your place now through Catherine.webster@nwtdt.com please note we can only provide **one place per team** - guests from acute services, public health, primary care etc are the exception to this.

NWTDT Events:

29th January 2008	PCP Celebrating Transition	Saturn Suite The Globe Accrington
11th February 2008	Ethnicity and Cultural Diversity	NWTDT Training Room
25 th February	Day Opportunities Network	NWTDT Training Room
Feb tbc	Listening and PCP with John O'Brien	Saturn Suite The Globe Accrington
18th March 2008	Health - Visual and Hearing Impairments	Venue tbc
23rd April 2008	Model District Service	Venue tbc

Please see the NWTDT website for further details

Calling all **Health Care Assistants and Assistant Practitioners**. The Royal College of Nursing is holding a free Professional Seminar Especially for You. Details can be found on the NWTDT website in the Health Section



RESOURCES

The CHRE publishes January 10th its documents on **clear sexual boundaries**.

http://www.chre.org.uk/Website/our_work/index_html2/index_html/view

Clear sexual boundaries between healthcare professionals and patients: responsibilities of healthcare professionals - a copy of this can be found in the Health section of the NWTDT website

Clear sexual boundaries between healthcare professionals and patients: guidance for fitness to practise panels

Learning about sexual boundaries between healthcare professionals and patients: a report on education and training

Best Interests: Guidance on determining the best interests of adults who lack the capacity to make a decision (or decisions) for themselves (England and Wales) This guidance was written by Dr. Theresa Joyce and published by the Professional Practice Board of the British Psychological Society. It has been written in order to give additional information and support to people who may have to participate in making decisions on behalf of adults who lack the capacity to do so for themselves.

A copy can be found in the Health section of the NWTDT website

Consultations on the draft revised Mental Health Act 1983. Code of Practice and draft secondary legislation under the Mental Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act). England and Wales Follow this link:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Healthandsocialcaretopics/Mentalhealth/DH_4001813

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Mental Capacity Act 2005 local implementation networks (England and Wales)

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/SocialCare/Deliveringadultsocialcare/MentalCapacity/MentalCapacityAct2005/index.htm>



OTHER

A discussion document has been developed in response to the Nursing and Midwifery Council's decision to consult on the future of pre-registration nursing. The document was developed by an alliance of learning disability nurses from across the country: <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/LDNursediscussion.doc>
Respond using: <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/Responseform.doc>

Rates of admission and detention remain high for some black and minority groups using mental health and learning disability services A multi-agency response is required to address the needs of service users. The findings from a census of the ethnicity of inpatients in mental health and learning disability services were published on 6th December 2007. The figures continue to show that some black and minority ethnic groups are three or more times more likely than average to be admitted as inpatients in mental health and learning disability services. Find a copy of the full report in the Health section of the NWTDT website.

December Evidence Bulletin from the Learning Disability Specialist Library:

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/learningdisabilities/ViewResource.aspx?resID=276045>

Content: What are the experiences of parents and carers in South Dublin, supporting their young people under the age of 16? Does running a structured group using cognitive behavioural therapy techniques help people with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities to manage their anxiety? What factors predict mortality in adults in midlife with Down Syndrome living with their families?

Items for inclusion in future newsletters - issued monthly - to Catherine.webster@nwttdt.com

There is a charge for job adverts

Next issue expected week commencing 18th February 2008