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Welcome to the new and improved newsletter serving the Nottingham health & social care community. "HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE NEWS", replaces "Joint Commissioning News" to reflect recent changes within Nottingham and the publications of new National Service Frameworks for Mental Health and for Older People.

The four new Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) (see map) now have responsibility for commissioning adult health and social care services across the health district. Therefore staff from Nottingham Health Authority are being reassigned to the PCT that has lead responsibility for their particular vulnerable adult care groups.



Map of PCTs in Nottingham

Following these recent changes two of the Joint Commissioning Groups have changed their names and widened their membership.

Mental Health is now the Local Implementation Team and Older People now has a Strategic Modernisation Team.

However joint commissioning groups develop over the next year there is greater emphasis than ever on joint working and involving service users, carers and voluntary organisations. National service frameworks and plans for mental health, older people and learning disabilities place requirements on the service planners to ensure your views are heard and PCTs will begin to develop local Patient Forums

"HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE NEWS" is a working title at the moment. If you have any suggestions for something a little more snappy we'd love to hear from you. Hopefully you'll enjoy this new publication as much as you did "Joint Commissioning News". It contains all the usual features and is available in other formats on request. If you have any comments or questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

You can send us your comments via the usual contact details at the end of this publication or you can now use our new email addresses printed at the end of each item.

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Contact Laurence on 0115 988 1710 for details

HIV & AIDS

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This is a time of great change for the health community with Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) being established. HIV/AIDS work remains at the Health Authority because this work is a designated specialised service. This means that the special funds have not transferred to Primary Care Trusts. The Joint Commissioning Group will continue but PCTs will be asked to nominate representatives to ensure a broader base of interest, and to develop a shared understanding of the special issues that this work presents. I will continue to Chair the group and at the moment can still be contacted at Standard Court.

Current issues are mostly developmental with the user/carers group attracting about one new member a meeting! These meetings are proving to be lively and from my perspective very useful. I hope the service users find them worthwhile. The group have recently raised an interesting issue with out of hours support which needs some clarification. Respite Care has also been discussed as well as development of the Drop-In.

The Providers Forum will be producing a newsletter in the Autumn so any articles from workers, service users or indeed any perspective would be helpful. Creative pieces would be valued.

Ruth Cutler – Chair
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LEARNING DISABILITY

Since the last edition the long awaited White Paper “Valuing People” has been published. The Government have set an ambitious agenda for modernising services for people with learning disabilities. Fortunately for Nottingham, many of the targets are similar to our local action plan, “Positive Futures”. For example the White Paper says :- “ The Government will enable all people currently living in long-stay hospitals to move into more appropriate accommodation by April 2004” ; and Positive Futures says “No people will have to live permanently in hospital by 2004.”

We will be required to introduce person centred planning over the next 3 years which means that planning must start with the person with learning disabilities (not with services) taking into account their wishes and hopes. We will also be required to modernise day centres and provide a more localised and individual service.

The Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) is studying the White Paper and making sure we have plans in place to deliver all that is required of us. It promises to be a very busy time!

Last time I reported we were hopeful of obtaining funding for a new team that will help us to develop supported living for people with learning disabilities. I am delighted to report that County and City Social Services and the Health Authority have all agreed to fund this team. We hope to be recruiting staff in the near future after which we will be expecting more people to have opportunities to live in their own homes with support.

Chair – Maggie Harty
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PHYSICAL & SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

The Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) is currently focussing on work to develop an integrated, multi-agency Equipment Service across the Nottingham Health Authority area. The aim of this is to ensure that service users who need equipment have access to a seamless, responsive service, in order to promote maximum independence. **The JCG would welcome the views of disabled people on this subject - please contact Jane Godden or Julie Forrest-Davis on 9123344 extension 49217 if you would be interested in participating.**

Following a series of service user focus groups last summer, the JCG is now planning follow up meetings with service users to consider the progress that has been made in addressing the concerns raised. The JCG is also linking in to the Race & Disability Group to address the needs of people from black & ethnic minorities with disabilities.

Chair – Teresa Shaw
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**Views sought
on multi-
agency
equipment
service**

MENTAL HEALTH

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The Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) has become the Local Implementation Team (LIT), as from 1st April we took on our new name, reviewed our membership and elected our Chair – Lynne Winstanley.

At the same time as the LIT went live, the Healthcare Trust merged and became the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust and Primary Care Trusts arrived.

The Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) are keen to start identifying the needs of their local populations. Each has a mental health sub group and has held local events when still a PCG. Gedling PCT has the responsibility of ensuring that the needs of all Nottingham's residents are procured (bought) from the variety of mental health providers including the new Mental Health Trust.

The National Service Framework (NSF) for Mental Health has now been supported by a policy implementation guide. This document gives strong messages as to how the Government expects to see local service delivery.

We are meeting with the Patients Council in June and have visited the CHC in May as part of our exploratory consultation process. The LIT will work during June on a blue print for local services then a more extensive consultation process will occur over the next 3-4 months.

Users and carers are central to this process and are core members of this modernisation review. We are keen to hear from all service users, carers and professional staff about their thoughts and to hear any concerns regarding this work.

The LIT wants you to be heard!

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OLDER PEOPLE

The arrival of the National Service Framework for Older People (NSF-OP), which was published on the 27th March, has triggered a surge of new energy and enthusiasm across the Nottingham health and social care community.

New arrangements have been established to oversee its implementation. The Joint Commissioning Group for Older People has been disbanded and a new district-wide multi-agency group has been established called:

The Older People's Strategic Modernisation Team

The overall aim of this group will be to lead the modernisation of services for older people and their carers within the Nottingham health and social care community and to steer and oversee the implementation of the NSF-OP. Agencies represented include the four Primary Care Trusts, both Social Services Departments, all the NHS Trusts (including the ambulance service), Age Concern, Alzheimer's Society, and the Carers Federation. A member of the Chief Housing Officers Group will attend to advise on housing issues, and the Nottinghamshire Care Homes Association and a well-known independent home care provider will offer advice and perspective from the independent sector. In addition, the Partnership Development Team will support the group to obtain the views of older people themselves, and their carers.

Further enhancements to the infrastructure are expected to take place over the next couple of months, with the appointment of two local implementation managers and the development of two local implementation teams (one for the City and one for the Boroughs). In addition, there are likely to be around 15 task groups set up to work on the numerous standards and milestones identified within the NSF-OP.

As Bob Dylan (now an older person, himself) once sang: "The times they are a changing". Watch this space for more of the action.

Shirley Smith – Joint Commissioning Manager
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GUIDES TO SOCIAL SERVICES

Nottinghamshire Social Services...HAVE YOU HEARD?.....you can get information about our services on our website...www.nottsc.gov.uk. Or give the Social Services Communications Unit a ring on 0115 977 4025. We have a range of leaflets available about services including "Your Guide to Social Services". It describes who can get help, what help is available and how to get it. But do ask for any information you need. **We want to know what you want to know.** So, please tell us and help us give you the information you need.

Drug Action Team Boundary Changes

The 2 Nottinghamshire DATs changed their boundaries from Health Authority to the Local Authority geographical districts from 1st April 2001. Service users and carers should not see any negative effects on service provision as services will continue to be provided on a Nottingham Health Authority District or on a County-wide basis. Please let us know if you do experience any differences.

Drug Action Team Treatment Plan, Annual Report 2000/2001 and Annual Plan for 2001/2002

All plans and templates were submitted in good time. The Drug Action Team congratulated the whole team for producing excellent documents within the Government timescales. The Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) would like to extend their thanks to all service providers for submitting the information which forms the backbone of the documents.

Drug Reference Groups (DRGs)

In view of the DAT boundary changes the DRGs will be re-formed into locality partnership fora to meet the needs and requirements of the DAT member organisations.

Joint Commissioning arrangements for 2001/2002

Gedling Primary Care Trust has taken lead responsibility for commissioning Substance Misuse Services from the Health Authority from 1st April 2001, for the transitional year 2001/2002. The JCG for Substance Misuse will continue to function in its original format and will continue to be the operational arm of Nottingham City DAT.

Joint work with North Nottinghamshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team

This group will continue its close working relationships with Nottinghamshire DAAT, Joint Commissioning Group and PCTs; we will be meeting on 19th July for a Time Out Event to discuss current work areas, joint areas of interest, funding allocations and the Borough Drug Reference Groups/ locality partnership fora.

Substance Misuse Provider Forum: the 6th Provider Forum will be held on 29th June 2001. This is the forum where all local service providers meet with the JCG to share their work over the previous 6 months and to discuss and debate key local and national issues.

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These local forums provide opportunities to exchange information, promote activities, learn about local plans and share views. All discuss health & social care, some have a wider remit exploring other local initiatives and opportunities. For further information about meetings and events use the contact details below:

Ashfield including Hucknall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ashfield Links Forum (ALF); - David Gilding on 01623 555 551 or LINKS@netcomuk.co.uk ■ Meetings held monthly - next Meeting: July ■ Hucknall Local Area Forum, John Wilkinson 0115 952 9303
Broxtowe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Broxtowe Voluntary Sector Forum (BVSF); - Mel Hatto – Stapleford Volunteer Bureau, 0115 949 1175 or staplefordvb@talk21.com. ■ Next meeting: September (contact Mel Hatto for date)
Gedling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gedling Voluntary Action Network (GVAN) contact: Pam Clipsham – Gedling CVS, 0115 926 6750 ■ Next meeting: contact Gedling CVS for further information
Rushcliffe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rushcliffe Exchange; - Rushcliffe CVS on 0115 981 8988 or admin@rucvs.demon.co.uk ■ Next meeting: Contact Rushcliffe CVS for further information

NEW LOCAL HEALTH MODERNISATION COUNCIL

Many voluntary groups have been invited to the first meeting of the new local Health Modernisation Council - which was due to be held on Wednesday June 20 at the Denewood Centre, Bilborough.

The Council will bring together a wide range of local organisations with an interest in health to feed their views into planning and influence how the health service is modernised in the Nottingham Health Authority area.

It has been set up in response to the Government's NHS Plan, published last year, which sets out a programme of reform and modernisation for the NHS, and says patients, frontline health service staff and local partner organisations should have a say in how this happens.

As well as voluntary groups, invitations have also gone out to representatives of the NHS, local authorities, businesses, universities, trade unions and other organisations, and "frontline" NHS staff and patients.

Voluntary organisations invited include umbrella bodies such as the Carers' Federation, and groups which focus on local priority areas featured in the "Health Improvement Programme" (HIMP) - including older people, substance misuse, mental health, learning disabilities, and physical and sensory impairment.

The first meeting of the Council will launch a local "Health Modernisation Review" and ask for input into the local HIMP for 2001 to 2002, as well as discussing how the Council should work in the future.

Karen Cross Policy & Information Officer (Health Issues)
Rushcliffe CVS

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If **you** have any ideas, issues or concerns about any of the subjects in this newsletter please contact the Chairs direct or write to the **partnership development** team (PDT) ,
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diary

date meeting start time

july

Thursday 12th	Substance Misuse JCG	2 pm
Monday 16th	Physical & Sensory Impairment JCG	12 pm
Tuesday 17th	Older Persons SMT	1 pm
Monday 23rd	Mental Health LIT	1 pm
Wednesday 25th	Learning Disabilities JCG	1.30 pm

august

Wednesday 22nd	Learning Disability JCG	1.30 pm
Tuesday 28th	Mental Health LIT	1 pm

september

Wednesday 5th	Health In Your Environment Voluntary Sector Forum	2 pm
Tuesday 11th	HIV & AIDS JCG	2 pm
Thursday 13th	Substance Misuse JCG	2 pm
Wednesday 19th	Older Persons SMT	1 pm
Monday 24th	Mental Health LIT	1 pm
Wednesday 26th	Learning Disability JCG	1.30 pm

october

7th - 13th	Mental Health Awareness Week	Various
Tuesday 23rd	Health In Your Environment Voluntary Sector Forum	2 pm
Wednesday 24th	Learning Disability JCG	1.30 pm
Monday 29th	Mental Health LIT	1 pm

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