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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DRUG & ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM

Let's Build has been operational for over 2 years. Initially funded through SRB5 monies, it is now mainly funded through Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County DAATs with additional help from Communities Against Drugs monies. The 4 key themes of Lets Build are to:

- Support Parents and Carers
- Support Young People
- Promote Community Capacity Building
- Provide Training

around Substance Misuse education and awareness raising. There are additional key themes of:

- Overdose Prevention/Information Services
- Volunteers and Trainees
- Diversity Training
- Let's Build in your Community fund

This last theme is a community chest providing small grants to local groups to carry out projects around prevention and diversion from drug and alcohol misuse. Groups can apply for a maximum of £500 (no match funding required) by completing a simple application form.

LET'S BUILD are also on the look out for volunteers. If you know anyone who would like to be a volunteer please contact us for more information

For more information about LET'S BUILD, please contact Caroline Horsman or Liz Phillips on 01623 414114 ext 6915

NEW FROM Hucknall One Stop Shop, Vine Terrace (Framework Premises) The Health Shop is providing a Needle Exchange service on a Monday and Thursday from 10am – 12 noon. This is to replace the service on Fridays. The Health Shop will also be able to offer safer drug use information, safer sex and sexual health information and advice, HIV testing, Hepatitis B Vaccinations, Hepatitis C testing and support.

NEW FROM 'At The Sharp End' If you would like information relating to discarded needles in the community, please ring Nicola North on 07870 676748 who will be happy to supply further details and support.

This newsletter is available in other formats
eg Braille, large print, tape & on line
Contact Laurence on 0115 988 1710 for details

NATIONAL TREATMENT AGENCY (NTA)

The **National Treatment Agency (NTA)** was created by the Government on 1 April 2001 with a remit to increase the capacity, quality and effectiveness of drugs treatment in England.

The NTA's 9 Regional Managers work closely with the Regional Drug Strategy Teams (formerly DPAS), Drug Action Teams/Joint Commissioning Groups and service providers locally to improve the quality and effectiveness of treatment available to their communities.

The East Midlands regional team moved into Government Office East Midlands (GOEM) in November 2001. The NTA has been able to work alongside staff from public health, Home Office, neighbourhood renewal and other teams to join up drug treatment work with other GOEM activities.

With funding for drug treatment in the East Midlands set to rise from £16.4 million in 2003/4 to £21.7 million in 2005/6, the work of the NTA is increasingly important to Government.

The NTA runs a **Regional Carers/Family Meeting** for those affected by Drug Misuse and a **Regional Users Network** for current and ex drug user'. These groups help the NTA monitor local activity across the East Midlands area. If you want more information about the regional meeting or the NTA contact **Tim McGregor on 0115 971 2738**

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NOTTS DAAT – WORKING WITH CONNEXIONS

"... co-ordinated and consistent support for all young people who need it."

The **Connexions** Service was developed to provide co-ordinated and consistent support for all young people who need it . It is designed to help all young people reach their full potential and make successful transition in to adult life. It is a **universal service** available to all young people, which includes targeted intensive support for those in the greatest need, but also offers support, advice, and guidance to all young people.

I have been employed for 12 months now through the DAAT and Connexions **to support individual Personal Advisors (PA's)**, young people and the wider Connexions service/partnership with issues relating to drugs and alcohol on a strategic and operational level. This includes delivering modules of drug education to all Connexions PA's equipping them with confidence, knowledge and skills in order to work more effectively with young people who are affected by drugs and alcohol. My post also includes supporting young people directly through 3 way meetings with themselves and the PA or indeed through training sessions.

Connexions have hosted various health events for young people, parents, and carers over the past 12 months in partnership with local drugs/ alcohol services and will continue to facilitate these in the future.

The most recent move forward is the development of the young persons OCN accredited drug awareness course (a partnership piece of work between the DAAT/Connexions) in which over the next 12 months I will be delivering to young people currently engaged through the Pupil Referral Units and Secure Units.

For more information on training for young people or staff working with young people contact **Jade Poyser – 07734 599447** or at the DAAT on 01623 414114 ext. 6920

NOTTINGHAM CITY DRUG ACTION TEAM

The City Drug Action Team (DAT), has been allocated extra funding (in excess of £1 million), by the Home Office to implement a **Criminal Justice Intervention Programme (CJIP)** with the aim of tackling the rise in acquisitive crime. The programme is funded for three years and involves developing current throughcare and aftercare arrangements within the criminal justice arena. The **aim is to reduce drug related offending** by accessing drug misusing offenders through criminal justice interventions and moving them into the drug treatment system.

We have **consulted** with key provider agencies, members of the DAT and members of the multi-agency Drug Reference Group through a variety of forums. The result is an innovative and exciting Criminal Justice Intervention Programme for the City of Nottingham.

The eight **new Care and Case Co-ordinators** will form the Criminal Justice Intervention Team that is central to the success of the programme. They will work closely with partner agencies to track, provide support and mentor up to 250 identified offenders and ensure they have access to and are retained within treatment. It is anticipated the team will be in place early next year. Additional funding will also support the Nottingham Alcohol and Drug Team to cope with the anticipated increase in demand for treatment. Some funding has also been directed towards the work with homeless drug misusers, which is currently undertaken by the Windmill Practice in conjunction with NADT, the Health Shop and Framework.

Other initiatives will be announced as they arrive, such as a "Begging" Coordinator post, support for the development of drug free accommodation for offenders, provision of a court based Arrest Referral worker and provision of a Police Drug Testing Tracker Post. The Criminal Justice Intervention Programme will be subject to an external evaluation.

For further information please contact Philip Hodgson at Nottingham City DAT on 0115 9151965

"developing current through-care and aftercare within the criminal justice arena"

DRUGS & ALCOHOL SPECIAL EDITION

In this edition we thought it would be a good idea to focus on Drugs & Alcohol because of the amount of activity and investment locally.

Survey of user involvement. Over the past few months we [the PDT] have been interviewing drug services, at the request of the City DAT and County DAAT, to find out what services are doing to involve service users in shaping services. A person in treatment can often make choices about their own treatment, however it is equally important to find out what they think about services in general. The surveys are complete and now we have the task of writing up all the responses. Thanks to all those who took part. A final report and an event are planned for next year. More news next time.

Users and carers have been helping to commission a **new 'Information Point'**. This service will be an independent and impartial service providing information about the type of treatments available in Nottinghamshire. It was requested by service users who have found it difficult to access to treatment, because they don't know where to get help or what kind of help they will be offered when they get there. The service has been funded by the City DAT and County DAAT and will be up and running in the new year once the service provider has been agreed. Users and carers are part of the interview process and will continue to have an input into the service as members of the multi-agency steering group which will oversee the development and management of the project. More information next time.

"Survey of user involvement"
"New Information Point"

COUNTY LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

At the County Partnership Board meeting in September we received 4 reports. The first presentation was by Laura Gorfin from Nottingham Trent University. She completed some research into the **housing and support needs of older family carers** in North Notts. One main theme to emerge is that better planning and preparation is required so that choices for future housing are offered. Laura is now undertaking research in Broxtowe, Gedling, Rushcliffe and Hucknall.

Joy Cooper reported on moves by Health and Social Services to join their services together, including short-breaks and Day services.

Donna Burton gave a very informative presentation about **Anti-bullying best practice**. It made everyone, particularly managers, think about how they will tell all their staff about the recommendations.

A final report was made about advocacy. An **advocacy plan** needs to be written. We heard that both the organisations providing advocacy have lengthy waiting lists. More money is required.

The Board now have an **access officer, Mike Deakin**. He told us about his ideas to use service user forums to link to the Board. Mike is producing an accessible update report on all working groups.

See next page for details of the OPEN DAY

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General comments to learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk
www.pdteam.org.uk/ldis.htm

**See next
page for
details of
the OPEN
DAY**

CITY LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Board met on 6th October. The Board meeting was **open to people with learning disabilities** and six people came as well as the three elected representatives.

The aim of the October meeting was to catch up on issues that are important in Nottingham, other than those that are the main Valuing People targets. People with learning disabilities in Nottingham have said that bullying is an important problem. Donna Burton talked about the work to tackle bullying. We also heard from Altaire Butler who spoke about the Healthy Living Centre project.

The Board included the regular Talkback slot, reporting on discussions at the User Forum.

There were also updates about Supporting People, the employment plan and the day services modernisation work. Figures were presented showing how money is being spent on all the learning disability budgets.

In the second half of the meeting staff from the City Council's Leisure and Community Department led **small group discussions**. We talked about how people with learning disabilities can be involved in sport, libraries, youth services and museums and galleries.

The Board meets again on January 12th and our annual conference takes place on January 28th.

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General comments to learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk
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INVOLVING PATIENTS IN BROXTOWE & HUCKNALL – LIFT

In 2002 Broxtowe & Hucknall Primary Care Trust joined with 3 other Primary Care Trusts and Local Authority partners to form the **Greater Nottingham NHS LIFT** or Local Improvement Finance Trust. LIFT aims to attract investment into Health Centres, GP Practices and Social Care facilities and gives us the opportunity to improve and develop local services.



Currently the size and location of some of our existing buildings **limit** the type and number of services we can offer local people. LIFT will enable us to build health and social care centres designed specifically for those services needed by our local communities. In addition to the increased health and social care facilities provided by extra doctors, other NHS professionals and Social

Services, we are planning space for voluntary sector organisations, community rooms, healthy community cafés and Internet health information to help people improve their own health.

Broxtowe & Hucknall has one scheme in this first stage of LIFT - the Stapleford One Stop Primary Care Centre. This could be described as a place where patients can access health and social care services all on one site. It is proposed that the new centre will provide GP's, District Nursing, Chiropody, Family Planning, Health Visiting, School Nursing, Midwifery and a range of new services such as a 'walk-in' Minor Injuries Unit, Minor Theatres, Occupational and Physiotherapy Services, Diagnostic & Treatment Services and Dental Services.

Plans have been developed and it is anticipated that building work could begin in Spring 2004. Although the centre is based in Stapleford we will continue to work with our new partner to develop facilities in other parts of Broxtowe & Hucknall.

It is **vital that local people have a voice in decision-making** about health and a variety of means are already being used to involve and inform patients. If you would like to comment, request further information or discuss how you can be involved please contact: **Susan Lewis, Project Manager / PCT LIFT Lead, Tel: 0115 8754944, Email: susan.lewis@broxtowehucknall-pct.nhs.uk**

"Broxtowe & Hucknall has one scheme in this first stage of LIFT."

COUNTY PARTNERSHIP BOARD OPEN DAY

OPEN DAY
8th
January
2004.
10.00

What is the Learning Disability Partnership Board? Who are they? What have they done? What has it got to do with me?

Find out more at our OPEN DAY on 8th January 2004 at County Hall Nottingham 10.00am until 4.00pm

There will be displays, people to talk to, entertainment and lunch. You can come for all of the



day or just part of it, and we can help carers with travel costs. For more information email Mike Deakin on mike.deakin@nottsc.gov.uk



NEWS IN BRIEF

The **HIV USER/CARER TASK GROUP** continues to meet on a regular basis. Last time we spent some time talking about services at the QMC to help with an exercise to develop service standards. If you want to know more please contact **Ruth Cutler on 0115 859 9090 or ruth.culter@gedling-pct.nhs.uk**

The **JOINT COMMISSIONING GROUP FOR PHYSICAL & SENSORY IMPAIRMENT** are continuing to make links with various user groups, such as the Blind Alliance and the Nottingham Network.

The survey of people caring for disabled people has been written up and responses sought from the Primary Care Trusts, regarding their work to support people in their caring role. Two meetings have also taken place. One with carers who participated in the survey and said they would like to be involved in helping with this piece of work. The other was for staff who are working with disabled people and their carers. The feedback from these events will be written up and circulated shortly to further this work.

For further information please contact the Chair of this group, **Jake Jacobs on 0115 915 5500**.

HELPING TO SHAPE LOCAL SERVICES.

Public Board Meetings.

Did you know that you are welcome to attend the PCT Public Board Meetings? These are often advertised locally in places such as libraries, local health centres and your doctor's surgery, as well as local papers and publications like this. These meetings will provide you with the opportunity to find out more about what we do and how you can become involved. For more information contact your local PCT.

Seniors Forums

A Senior Forum is a group of older people aged 50 and over, who want to have their say about local services. It is a real opportunity to provide information to older people about things happening in their local community or nationally that may affect them and the help they may receive. They link with other bodies which plan local services and tell them what they think and .

In a previous edition we reported on the Rushcliffe Older Persons Forum. This is now planning meetings for the 2004. Other Forums are springing up across the county. The newest is the Hucknall Seniors Forum which held an inaugural event in November. A meeting is planned with those people who said they would like to get involved in a steering group. They will then help to plan an open meeting in February and activities for the rest of the year.

To find out what is happening in your area contact your Primary Care Trust Patient and Public Involvement Lead.

Patient & Public Involvement Forums

The new Patient and Public Involvement Forums for the 4 Primary Care Trusts in Greater Nottingham, the QMC, City Hospital and Ambulance Service will be meeting for the first time next week. They have recruited members of the public to have their say about local health services.

Their views will help to shape decisions which impact on health in the local community and be a force for fairness and change.

They are still looking for new people to join their forums. If you are interested in joining a local forum, please contact the

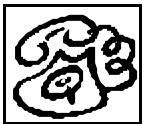
Commission for Patient & Public Involvement in Health, PO Box 11442, Birmingham. B2 4DY. Tel 0845 120 7111 or visit www.cppih.org for application details.

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If **you** have any ideas, issues or concerns about any of the subjects in this newsletter or would like to get involved in any of the areas mentioned please contact



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diary

date	meeting	start time
january		
Monday 5th	Learning Disability Carers' Forum – Contact the PDT for details (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Tuesday 6th	Action for Rural Care & Health – contact Newark & Sherwood CVS on 01636 613 693 for information	2 pm
Thursday 8th	County Learning Disability Partnership Board OPEN DAY. See page 5 for more information	All day
Monday 12th	Nottingham City Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting	to be confirmed
Monday 26th	Broxtowe & Hucknall Patient & Public Involvement Group	1 pm
Wednesday 28th	Nottingham City Learning Disability Partnership Board Conference. See page 4 for more information	All day
february		
Monday 2nd	Learning Disability Carers' Forum – Contact the PDT for details (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Monday 2nd	Alcohol Reference Group (A Nottingham City DAT group)	12.30 pm
Thursday 5th	Nottingham City Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group	9.30 am
Monday 9th	Mental Health Local Implementation Team	9.30 am
Tuesday 10th	Gedling PCT Patient and Public Involvement Group	10 am
Tuesday 10th	Nottingham City Voluntary Sector Homelessness Forum	2 pm
Thursday 12th	Alcohol Users' Forum – Contact the PDT for more information	7 pm
Monday 16th	Broxtowe & Hucknall Patient & Public Involvement Group	1 pm
Monday 23rd	Physical & Sensory Impairment Joint Commissioning Group	9.30
Monday 23rd	Regional Drug Users Meeting – See National Treatment Agency article on page 2 for more information	12.30 pm
Tuesday 24th	Regional Carers Meeting – See National Treatment Agency article on page 2 for more information	12.30 pm
March		
Monday 1st	Learning Disability Carers' Forum – Contact the PDT for details (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Thursday 11th	Nottingham City Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group	9.30 am
Monday 15th	Broxtowe & Hucknall Patient & Public Involvement Group	1 pm

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