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The Local Implementation Team (LIT) for Mental Health will be holding its 4th Mental Health Stakeholders' Conference during Mental Health awareness week in October 2001. The Team tries to organise something different for each event and this year will be no exception. The programme for the day has been designed to ensure that everybody has the opportunity to actively take part and will include:

- Workshops
- Presentations reflecting on the successes of the past twelve months
- Discussions regarding re-engineering of services
- Views from the Local Implementation Team leads, as to how the Team takes forward the views expressed through the conference.
- Music and Entertainment

The voices of all people who use services, or care for someone who does, are absolutely central to our ability to plan to meet the real needs of the community. That is why 66 of the 120 places at the conference are being made available to Service Users and Carers, with a further 20 places available to Voluntary Sector Organisations.

To ensure that as many service users, carers and front line staff have an opportunity to voice their opinions about local Mental Health services, the Partnership Development Team has again been running a pre-conference campaign to elicit as many of those views as possible. The results of the campaign will again be fed into the conference.

If you wish **to ensure that your voice is heard**, and your views fed into the Stakeholders Conference, then please send your response to the Partnership Development Team – see contact details on page 6. Please mark your envelope Private & Confidential. Alternatively, you can e-mail your responses to mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk

Lynne Winstanley – Chair
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Editorial Note: Views from service users and carers have been invited since July 2001 and any additional comments can be included so long as they reach the partnership development team by **10th October 2001**

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OLDER PEOPLE

The seeds are being planted to secure the implementation of the National Service Framework (NSF) for Older People in Nottingham. **Numerous** multi-agency multidisciplinary work groups are being established to focus on the implementation of discrete elements of the NSF:

- Rooting out age discrimination
- Promoting a healthy and active life in old age
- Single assessment process
- Intermediate care services
- Integrated continence services
- Joint community equipment service
- Specialist stroke services
- General hospital care
- Mental Health services for older people
- Integrated falls prevention service
- Medicines management

Dedicated work groups are also being established to concentrate on some of the cross-cutting themes such as involving older people and their carers, communication and information.

Additional resources have been identified to build the capacity of the health and social care community to deliver this huge agenda. Recruitment of two local implementation managers (one covering the City locality and one covering the Boroughs), and project managers for single assessment and joint community equipment services is underway.

In order to meet an early NSF milestone the rooting out **age discrimination** work group is developing plans to establish a local scrutiny group. The role of this group will be to oversee an effective identification and review process, be a point of referral for areas of concern for staff, patients and older people themselves, and to make recommendations for action. Membership of this group will include patient representatives, an older person and a carer, and representation from minority groups. In the meantime, all NHS organisations in Nottingham are currently reviewing all their written policies, guidelines and procedures to identify any age discriminatory references. This is the first phase of this work and will be completed by the end of October.

Shirley Smith - Joint Commissioning Manager
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LEARNING DISABILITY

“.. there will be two Partnership Boards, one for the City and one for the rest of the County, including North Notts.”

The New White Paper “Valuing People” requires Local Authorities to set up Partnership Boards to **oversee** the implementation of Valuing People targets. Membership of the Boards will be Senior Managers from Health, Housing, Social Services, Employment Services, Leisure Services, Education, the Connexions Service, the Benefits Agency plus carers and people with learning disabilities.

In Nottingham it has been decided there will be **two** Partnership Boards, one for the City and one for the rest of the County, including North Nottinghamshire.

We are currently considering the possible options for an officers group that will eventually replace the Joint Commissioning Group. Clearly whatever structure is agreed we must ensure that the Positive Futures Action Plan is still delivered for our local customers.

We are **keen to build strong links** between the Partnership Boards and the Carers and Users Forums.

That way we hope that the Boards can truly take local needs and issues into consideration.

Chair – Maggie Harty
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PHYSICAL & SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

The Joint Commissioning Group’s (JCG) work on developing a multi-agency Equipment Service across the Nottingham Health Authority area is progressing well. A Steering Group has been set up and we are about to advertise for a Project Manager to take forward the work. **We do still need users and/or carer involvement in developing the new service – anyone with some experience of the existing equipment service who is interested in participating please contact Jane Godden on 0115 9426000 extension 38504.**

The JCG has recently met with groups of service users to report back the progress made in addressing concerns raised at a series of meetings held last year. We are currently producing a short report outlining the key **themes** from these meetings and plan to present this to colleagues in the Primary Care Trusts, Hospitals and Social Services. The key themes include the need to **raise awareness** of the needs of disabled people especially within GP surgeries and the hospitals; access to better information; access to public buildings; transport and employment. Some of these issues are also being addressed through the Welfare to Work Joint Investment Plan – the aim of which is to promote independence and the transition from welfare to work by improving access to health and social services. The JCG is represented on this group.

Please note the change of contact details for the JCG. – see page 7

Chair – Teresa Shaw
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voluntary sector forums

These local forums provide opportunities to exchange information & share views. All discuss health & social care, some have a wider remit exploring other local initiatives and opportunities. Further information available below:

Ashfield	Ashfield Links Forum (ALF); - David Gilding on 01623 555 551 or LINKS@netcomuk.co.uk Next Meeting: 1 November 2001
Broxtowe	Broxtowe Voluntary Sector Forum (BVSF); - Mel Hatto – Stapleford Volunteer Bureau 0115 949 1175 or staplefordvb@talk21.com. Next meeting: To be confirmed
Gedling	Gedling Voluntary Action Network (GVAN) contact: Pam Wisher – Gedling CVS, 0115 926 6750 Next meeting: To be confirmed
Rushcliffe	Rushcliffe Exchange; - Rushcliffe CVS on 0115 981 8988 or admin@rucvs.demon.co.uk Next meeting: To be confirmed

SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Personnel Changes

Sadly since the last publication the co-ordinator Tony Herbert has resigned from the post. As an interim measure Chief Inspector Ian Bates has been seconded from Nottinghamshire Police for 12 months. Ian was previously head of the Drug Squad although for the past 2 years has worked alongside both the Drug Action Teams in Nottinghamshire in developing strategies and providing training. The process for the recruitment of a full time co-ordinator will begin later this year.

In addition a Training Development worker for the City should be in post by October. This worker will be managed by the existing County Drug and Alcohol Action Team but with a City focus.

Annual Plan

Feedback has been received from the UK Anti Drugs Co-ordination Unit regarding the DAT Annual Plan. There were no major areas of concern.

Drug Reference Groups

The Treatment, Young People, Availability and Criminal Justice groups have all met. The chairs will also sit on the DAT itself thereby providing accountability and feedback at the appropriate levels. The Alcohol and Communities groups will be sitting shortly.

Joint Commissioning

The formation of the Drug Reference Groups has enabled the membership of the Joint Commissioning Group to be reassessed. The new group will be sitting again shortly.

Provider Forum

The forum held on the 29th June was very successful. This was an excellent venue for information sharing and the development of joint working. **The next one is on Friday 30th November**

Ian Bates - DAT Co-ordinator
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CHANGES SHOULD GIVE HEALTH STAFF & LOCAL PEOPLE MORE SAY

“..Government wants to encourage greater patient involvement in planning services and by giving power to PCTs it hopes to give local people more say about services.”

BIG changes taking place in the structure of local health services will bring more power to the newly formed primary care trusts (PCTs), and result in Nottingham Health Authority being disbanded by March 2002. The re-organisations are part of national reforms which will see two thirds of health authorities merging to form new "strategic health authorities", and by 2004, PCTs controlling 75% of NHS budgets.

But what does this mean for local groups & communities?

The reforms, according to health secretary Alan Milburn, are "...about empowering frontline NHS services and liberating the talents of frontline NHS staff. The Government wants to encourage greater patient involvement in planning services and by giving power to PCTs it hopes to give local people more say about services.

Each of the Four PCTs in Nottingham health district (one for each of the following - Broxtowe & Hucknall, Gedling, City of Nottingham and Rushcliffe) has a board made up of **local people**, with an executive committee of GPs, nurses and other local health professionals. They are responsible for primary care and community health services in their area and will increasingly lead on "commissioning" health services, previously done by health authorities. For voluntary groups the changes mean they will now need to liaise with PCTs instead of the Health Authority.

In Nottingham all PCTs are working together with each commissioning certain services on behalf of the others. Services will continue to be planned for the whole health district until 2002-2003 although the health authority will have gone.

PCTs are now the **key organisations** responsible for improving the health of their local population - they should be responsive to their local communities and must make sure health services meet people's needs.

So, if you have things to say about health, or opinions to express, **make sure they know who you are!**

Karen Cross – Policy & Information Officer, Rushcliffe CVS

HEALTH IN YOUR ENVIRONMENT VOL. SECTOR FORUM

“Links between environment and health are increasingly being recognised and reflected in national policies ...”

The Health in Your Environment Voluntary Sector Forum (HIYE) will be holding its **AGM on 23rd October at 2pm at the Djanogly Innovation Centre**. Nottingham Health Action Group (NHAG) will have had an away day on 26th September to take stock and plan for the future.

Links between environment and health are **increasingly** being recognised and reflected in national policies such as the National Service Framework for Coronary Heart Disease, the Fuel Poverty Strategy and Local Transport Plans. HIYE, NHAG and their related groups are working to inform people about these issues, to show the links between policies and support innovative health/ environmental projects through the Health Initiatives Budget.

The **Food Initiatives Group** are developing a Strategy for the Nottingham Health Area exploring the links between food, health and environment. It examines current activity, future initiatives and gaps that need to be addressed. Contact Lauren Kinnersley on 0115 9799227 for further information.

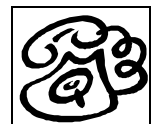
The **Affordable Warmth Workstream** has two local projects assisting patients to access help with improvements in insulation and heating, to prevent ill health. People over 60 and on means tested benefits may be entitled to free central heating! Nottingham City residents can contact the Healthy Housing Referral Project on 0115 915 1425. Residents in Broxtowe, Gedling, Hucknall and Rushcliffe should contact the Healthy Indoors Project on 01623 666722.

The **Transport Group** held a stakeholder event recently to assess the impact of the Greater Nottingham Local Transport Plan on the health of local people. A report making recommendations for the Transport Plan and Health Improvement Programme is planned for the year end. Contact Helen Thompson on 0115 912 3344 Ext. 49419 for more information.

We have achieved a lot but there is more to do!

Helen Thompson – Public Health Development Officer

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

october

Monday 1st	Carers' Forum (Learning Disabilities – contact PDT for details)	10.30 am
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

november

Monday 5th	Carers' Forum (Learning Disabilities – contact PDT for details)	10.30 am
Tuesday 13th	Older Persons SMT	1 pm
Tuesday 20th	HIV & AIDS User Carer Task Group	1.30 pm
Monday 26th	Mental Health LIT	1 pm
Wednesday 28th	Learning Disabilities JCG	1.30 pm
Friday 30th	Substance Misuse Provider Forum	All Day

december

Monday 3rd	Carers' Forum (Learning Disabilities – contact PDT for details)	10.30 am
Thursday 13th	Health In Your Environment Voluntary Sector Forum	10 am
Wednesday 19th	Learning Disabilities JCG	1.30 pm
Friday 21st	Mental Health LIT	1 pm

NOTE: Details of meetings for information only. If you wish to discuss any matters please do so via the appropriate contact information overleaf or contact the Partnership Development Team

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