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With all the recent changes in health & social care, one thing that hasn't changed is the need to talk to service users, carers and voluntary organisations about developing services. There are some opportunities below:

### LEARNING DISABILITY

Our team facilitates the **Carers Forum** – a recognised channel of communication between relatives of adults with learning disabilities & services planners

- On **5th August** there will be an opportunity to discuss progress and plans for the review of Community Learning Disability Teams with Wendy Lippmann
- On **2nd September**, Jeremy Taylor Chief Exec of Notts Health Care Trust will be coming to meet and talk with the group.

To find out more Tel: 0115 988 1710 or [learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk)

### MENTAL HEALTH



**"make YOUR voice heard"** - The campaign to gather views from on mental health in preparation for the 5th Annual Mental Health Stakeholders Event is about to hit the streets. This year the **spotlight is on people and communities** and we want to hear from

people who have experienced mental health problems to find out – what has made them feel better. Is it a particular group they attend or the community they live in? What could be done to support them, their families or their community? Comments must reach us by **16th September** by post, fax (details page 4) or email [mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk) .



### ALCOHOL USERS' GROUP

We have been asked by the Alcohol Reference Group of the Nottingham City Drug Action Team to set up a **Users' Forum**. We're wanting to get in touch with people whose use of alcohol causes them problems. The Forum will enable them to talk about alcohol services and become involved in carrying out the Alcohol Strategy. If you think any of your service users may like to participate contact Maggy Topley on 0115 988 1710 or email [substance misuse@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:substance misuse@pdteam.org.uk)

Available in Braille, large print, tape & on line  
Contact Laurence on 0115 988 1710 for details

## NOTTINGHAM CITY LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Board held a special meeting at Nottingham Forest Football Club in March to look at how Board members could work together more effectively. A number of **practical** points were raised, for example, minutes and agendas should go out in plenty of time so that people can prepare for the next meeting.

It was thought that many people **outside** the Board needed to hear about the changes that will come about in learning disability services. For example, the introduction of Person Centred Planning, and the review of the work of Community Learning Disability teams.

An **Annual Conference** was proposed, to report on what is happening in learning disability services.

At our April meeting we heard about the **progress** to date on the Valuing People targets. We met Nicola Bailey who is the National Valuing People Support Team member for our region. We also heard about the development of a communication strategy. This would bring Speech and Language Therapy more closely together with all the other changes in learning disability services.

Our **next meetings** are on July 15<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Paul Mansfield – Policy Officer Nottingham Social Services Dept  
General comments to [learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk)

“..meeting at Nottingham Forest Football Club in March to look at how members could work together more effectively”

See front page for important information about learning disabilities

## NOTTS LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

“Development Day [to think] about how to make the Board meetings as accessible as possible, ..”

The Nottinghamshire Learning Disability Partnership Board recently held a Development Day with two major aims

- Finding out about the key **responsibilities** of each organisation on the Board and how they could **support** people with Learning Disabilities
- Thinking about **how** to make the board meetings as accessible as possible especially at times when there is a lot of business to get through

The **feedback** from some of those present was that they found it a very helpful event. The board will be **experimenting** with different ways of running meetings. At the June meeting, those present will split into groups to discuss comments on each item and present back.

It is clear from other Boards around the country that everyone is struggling with how to help everyone participate equally in meetings with complex issues to be discussed. Ideas and suggestions of good practice are welcomed.

The Board is meeting the Valuing People targets on key issues to be covered. The proposals for Person Centred Planning and Quality Frameworks will be discussed at the June meeting.

Jeff Featherstone – Commissioning Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council  
General comments to [learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk)

This is an **important** year for mental health services in Nottingham. Our first instalment of nearly £1m. of new funds for mental health - promised to support the NSF and NHS Plan - has been **allocated** to a range of needs as diverse as the cost of providing the "new" drugs, and supporting community-based projects like AWAAZ, the Asian Mental Health service.

The **next challenge** for the Local Implementation Team (LIT) is to plan to make the best possible use of the second (and final) element of the new funds in 2003/04. We expect around £2m. to ensure the delivery of key targets like crisis resolution services and ensuring **appropriate services for women**. Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust has appointed Jackie Astill, an experienced mental health manager, to lead its project on women's services.

As always, the LIT aims to include a wide range of views and will continue its inclusion of service user, carer and ethnic minority representatives on the LIT and its subgroups. The annual October stakeholder event "**Make Your Voice Heard**" will provide a valuable reality check as we enter the financial planning round.

A report on NSF implementation is required in September/October, which will include reviews of our progress on Mental Health Promotion, Mental Health Services to Prisoners, and Acute In-patient Care. A busy but productive summer is expected!

David Levell – Local Implementation Manager Mental Health  
General comments to [mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk)

**Editorial Note:** This year's "**make YOUR voice heard**" campaign puts a **spotlight on people and communities**. Information will be available shortly. To find out more, email the above address or visit [www.pdteam.org.uk/mentalhealth.htm](http://www.pdteam.org.uk/mentalhealth.htm)

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## HIV & AIDS

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Quite a lot of news this edition. The update of the **Directory** is now available at the Health Shop, from the Nottingham Positive Care Team and GU. GP practice and library editions should also have been updated. If you can't get hold of a copy please email: [ruth.cutler@gedling-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:ruth.cutler@gedling-pct.nhs.uk) or leave a message on 0115 8405924.

Nottingham Positive Care Team also have some very useful '**credit card**' size **information cards** with their key phone numbers. Available from the Team, Health Shop or GU.

The Joint Commissioning Group for HIV/AIDS had its **final** meeting and there is a proposal to develop an HIV Reference Group - probably Countywide. The **consultation** to develop the new Reference Group is under way.

The HIV Service Users & Carers Group is a fairly informal forum, meeting regularly, with a lively agenda and even more lively group of Service Users and Carers. Recent issues discussed have been respite care, dentistry, GU services and 'Drop In' provision, among a whole range of other topics. If a service user or carer is **interested** in becoming involved then please speak to Ruth Cutler or a member of the Nottingham Positive Care Team. Initial enquiries are of course confidential.

Ruth Cutler – Senior Development Manager, Gedling PCT  
General comments to [hiv aids@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:hiv aids@pdteam.org.uk)

## SUBSTANCE MISUSE – COUNTY

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002, the **Nottinghamshire County Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)** joined Newark and Sherwood Primary Care Trust.

The DAAT works to the Government's 10-year drugs strategy 'Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Britain' and the **four** key areas of: Young People, Communities, Treatment and Reducing Availability.

John Berridge of Nottinghamshire Education Authority is Chair and Charles Allen of Newark & Sherwood Primary Care Trust is Vice-Chair. Charles also Chairs the Nottinghamshire County Substance Misuse Commissioning Group

Thirteen staff work under **Kate Davies the Co-ordinator**, including Trish Pogue- Substance Misuse Commissioning Manager; Nina Dauban - Community & Drug Reference Group Partnership Co-ordinator; John Taylor - Manager Training Team; Jade Poyser - Training Support Worker, and an excellent administration back-up. Leah Sareen was recently seconded to the team to develop work around young people and substance misuse.

The DAAT **commissions** many excellent substance misuse provider services and supports many projects around education, prevention, reduction of availability of drugs at street level, criminal justice, community safety and housing projects. An **important** part of the work is support from district **Drug Reference Groups (DRG)**, to ensure local providers and services come together to inform plans, feed back and ensure local delivery is needs-led.

To **attend** any of the district DRG's contact Nina Dauban on 01623 414114 ext 6918 or one of the following:

Broxtowe DRG	John Fordham	0115 9177777
Gedling DRG	Stephen Bray	0115 9013901
Rushcliffe DRG	Keith Wood	0115 9819911
Ashfield DRG	Bill Buckley	01623 450000

Further information available at [www.nottscountydaat.co.uk](http://www.nottscountydaat.co.uk)

General comments to [substancemisuse@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:substancemisuse@pdteam.org.uk)

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**See front page for information about alcohol users' group**



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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The **Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) Project** is now well underway and currently much planning activity is taking place with the aim of producing a final project plan by the end of July 2002.

Whilst the **long term** plan is to integrate the Health and Social Services community equipment services there are also short term initiatives to improve existing services over the next 18 months.

One of these initiatives is to **integrate** the short-term and long-term wheelchair loan services. Therefore as of the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002 the short-term wheelchair loans service will transfer from Medical Home Loans to the Nottingham Mobility Centre, City Hospital, (full details will be available at your GP surgery, Health Centre or via any referring professional).

The ICES Project has also established the following **working groups** in order to carry out the work required to achieve integration of the services:

- Equipment Advisory Group
- Children's Equipment Group
- Service Standards Group
- Electronic Assistive Technology & Communications Equipment Group
- User Consultation Process Group (aims of 75% service user membership)

All groups are multi-agency and multi-disciplinary and involve service users.

The project is **actively** looking for more service users to become involved in the working groups – if you have an interest in community equipment services and are willing to commit time to work with us please contact : **Jordan Pitcher, ICES Project Manager** Tel. 0115 915 7783 **email** [Jordan.pitcher@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Jordan.pitcher@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

General comments to [olderpeople@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:olderpeople@pdteam.org.uk)

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## PHYSICAL & SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

**“Stakeholder Event, .. planned for Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 ... 12.00 until 4.30 p.m. at the Denewood Centre”**

Following the series of **consultation meetings** with service users that have been reported in previous issues of this newsletter, the Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) is now working on the **development** of a Strategy for Physical and Sensory Impairment Services. This will set out what the JCG needs to do over the next couple of years in order to improve services for people with a disability and their carers.

A Stakeholder Event is being planned for **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2002** from **12.00 until 4.30 p.m. at the Denewood Centre**, Denewood Crescent, Bilborough. Disabled service users and their carers are invited to join the JCG members to help us prioritise the issues you have already told us about, and develop an action plan. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and travel expenses will be reimbursed on the day.

If you would like to attend this event, please let us know, along with details of any special requirements, by **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2002**. Contact details are: Jane Godden, Nottingham City Primary Care Trust, Telephone (0115) 942 6000 extension 38504, e-mail [jane.godden@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.godden@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk) or Maggy Topley, Partnership Development Team, Telephone, (0115) 988 1710, e-mail [physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk)

General comments to [physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk)

## 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; 01623 555 551 or LINKS@netcomuk.co.uk
Gedling	Gedling Voluntary Action Network, Pam Wisher on 0115 926 6750 gedlingvb@care4free.net
ARCH	Action for Rural Care & Health – a multi-agency forum looking at health & social care issues in the context of Rural Nottinghamshire. For Information contact Marilyn Tippet at Notts Rural Community Council on 01623 727 600
Housing & Homelessness	A multi-agency forum examining issues of housing and homelessness in the County & City. For further information contact Fiona Bennett on 0115 967 4424
<b>new</b> <b>Learning Disability</b>	A county-wide forum for voluntary organisations working with adults with learning disabilities. The group meets quarterly to support the voluntary sector representative on the County Learning Disability Partnership Board. Contact Maggy Topley on 0115 988 1710 or Val Gardiner 01636 613693 for further information. <b>Next meeting Thursday 29th August</b>

## health and social care activity in the voluntary sector

In Nottinghamshire there are a variety of people/projects supporting the voluntary sector through the maze of health and social care work.

In the Nottingham Health Community Rushcliffe CVS can keep you up to date about general developments in health and social care policy, whilst we the **partnership development team** focus on the “vulnerable care groups”. The Rushcliffe CVS website is full of useful information.

[www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk/healthaction.htm](http://www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk/healthaction.htm)

**Do you work across Nottinghamshire?  
Have you made contact with our friends in the North?**

In the North of Nottinghamshire there are 4 District Partnership Officers supporting the voluntary sector. They have a great newsletter “Staying In Touch” and a website for information relating to health and social care planning at

[www.healthpartnership.fslife.co.uk](http://www.healthpartnership.fslife.co.uk)

For further information about Staying in Touch contact Kevin Skingsley at Bassetlaw CVS on 01909 476118 or [partnerships@bcvs.org.uk](mailto:partnerships@bcvs.org.uk)



## contact details

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<p><b>Nottingham City PCT</b>          Linden House          261 Beechdale Road          Aspley          Nott'm, NG8 3EY          Tel: 0115 942 6000</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rushcliffe PCT</b>          Barclays Bank Chambers          Tudor Square          West Bridgford          Nottingham. NG2 6BT          Tel: 0115 956 0300</p>
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HIV & AIDS	Ruth Cutler – Senior Development Manager	Gedling PCT
learning disability	Wendy Lippmann – Joint Commissioning Manager	Gedling PCT (0115 912 3344)
mental health	David Levell – NSF Local Implementation Manager	Gedling PCT (0115 912 3344)
	Lynne Winstanley – Director of Development	Gedling
physical & sensory	Jane Godden – Commissioning Manager	Nottingham City
older people	Caroline Jordan – Senior Nurse Public Health	Nottingham City
	Shirley Smith – NSF Implementation Manager (City)	Nottingham City
	Sharon Creber – NSF implementation Manager	Broxtowe & Hucknall
substance misuse	Kate Davies – DAAT Co-ordinator	See contact details
	Dat Support Manager	See contact details

# diary

date meeting start time

## july

Monday 1st	<b>Carers' Forum – contact the PDT for details (parent/carers of adults with learning disabilities)</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
Friday 5th	Older Persons Strategic Modernisation Team	2 pm
Tuesday 9th	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30 pm
Monday 15th	Nottingham City Learning Disability Partnership Board	9.30 am
	Mental Health Local Implementation Team	2 pm
Thursday 18th	<b>Physical &amp; Sensory Impairment Stakeholder Event, Denewood Centre (see page 5 for details)</b>	<b>2 pm</b>

## august

Monday 5th	<b>Carers' Forum – contact the PDT for details (parent/carers of adults with learning disabilities)</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
Tuesday 6th	Physical & Sensory Impairment Joint Commissioning Group	2 pm
Friday 9th	<b>Health In Your Environment Voluntary Sector Forum</b>	<b>10 am</b>
Tuesday 13th	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30 pm
Thursday 29th	<b>Learning Disability Voluntary Sector Network (see page 6)</b>	<b>11 am</b>

## september

Monday 2nd	<b>Carers' Forum – Jeremy Taylor Chief Exec of Notts Healthcare Trust will be coming to meet the Forum. Contact PDT for info (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
Tuesday 10th	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30 am
Wednesday 11th	Mental Health Local Implementation Team	1.30 pm
Thursday 12th	Nottinghamshire County Learning Disability Partnership Board	10.30 am

**NOTE: Details of meetings in feint type are for information only. If you wish to discuss any matters please do so using the contact details overleaf or contact the Partnership Development Team**

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