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Alcohol Users' Forum

The Forum meets to get views from service users to inform the planning and commissioning of alcohol services. People who are still using alcohol can attend the meeting but they are asked to be sober.

The first meeting in October was well attended, with the result that this will now become a regular event. The second meeting will have happened by the time this reaches you.

Watch out for flyers at local projects!

One of the things discussed was the need for a similar group for **carers** of people whose use of alcohol causes them problems. Many

people who are affected by someone else's use of alcohol do not always regard themselves as carers but are often taking on a carer's role in some way. Work is underway to publicise the first meeting which will be in the New Year.



National Treatment Agency Meetings

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Drug Action Teams recently teamed up with the National Treatment Agency (NTA) to explore one of the NTA's objectives of reducing waiting lists at a local level. After a first meeting with four local providers they organised a meeting for service users, carers and other local service providers.

A number of people (including a couple of carers) agreed to take forward work on reducing waiting times with Jennifer James, Commissioning Manager with City Drug Action Team. This work to achieve improvements in a few key areas (which we can select ourselves) must be completed by March.

The National Treatment Agency, whose local office is at the Government Office for the East Midlands, on Talbot St, has also begun work to develop user and carer groups across the region and network them all together.

The Partnership Development Team is part of this work and will ensure that the new Forums it is setting up (see above for details of User and Carer Forums around Alcohol) are included in these Regional Networks.

General comments substance misuse@pdteam.org.uk

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



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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CITY LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD



The Board met on October 21st. The three main topics discussed were support for parents with learning disabilities, the review of Community Learning Disability Teams, and initial thoughts about the forthcoming work on modernising day services.

On November 28th, the Partnership Board held its **first Annual Conference** at the Albert Hall in Nottingham. 105 people attended, including 35 people with a learning disability, as well as carers, health, social services, independent providers and employment sector staff.

Rob Greig, head of the national Valuing People Support Team, spoke about the Government's agenda for changing learning disability services to **give people with learning disabilities more 'ordinary life' opportunities**. More details about the work of Rob and his team can be found at www.doh.gov.uk/vpst. Copies of Rob's slide presentation are available from the Partnership Development Team – see details above.

The conference also featured the premiere of "Josephine", a video about bullying made locally by people with a learning disability through the Evergreen Performing Arts Group. **Bullying was the subject of a conference workshop**, other workshop subjects being Person Centred Planning, day services, transition, employment, Healthy Living Centre, and supported living.

Service users were **prominently involved** in presenting feedback from the workshops and overall the conference was a good opportunity for the voices of people with a learning disability to be heard.

A further unusual highlight of the event was day services modernisation worker Martin Jackaman and carer representative Trevor Clower singing a version of "Zipadee-Do-Da" with day services-related lyrics!

The conference, which was planned by a group including service users and carers, filled everyone with enthusiasm for a repeat next year. A conference report will be available in due course and will inform the Board's work programme for 2003.

Paul Mansfield – Policy Officer Nottingham Social Services Dept

General comments to learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk

Further Information www.pdteam.org.uk/jcgld.htm

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The Autumn included Mental Health Awareness Week (well – weeks actually!) which began on 7th October with a Civic Launch at The Council House, and included the formal launch of the local **Mental Health Promotion Strategy** “Making it Happen!”.

A range of **diverse and thought provoking events** were held over the following 10 days ending with the annual Mental Health Stakeholder Conference “Make Your Voice Heard”, held on October 17th at the Racecourse at Colwick. The event was run on “Open Space” lines – where members identified the topics for discussion. Feedback has been very positive and a conference report will be issued before Christmas.

Another **key focus** of work has been delivering our Stage 4 report on National Service Framework (NSF) implementation, including reviews of: Mental Health Promotion (including Suicide Reduction), Acute In-patient Care, and Mental Health Services in Prison, and a self-assessment of progress against targets.

The Local Implementation Team (LIT) has started to identify **priorities for the coming year** – and work has proceeded on the design of Crisis Resolution/Home Treatment and Early Intervention Services, and the role of Graduate Workers in Primary Care – all key targets from the NSF and NHS Plan for delivery by March 2004.

David Levell NSF (Mental Health) Implementation Manager

General comments to mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk
Further information on www.pdteam.org.uk/mentalhealth.htm

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PHYSICAL & SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

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In the September edition of the newsletter we announced that the JCG would shortly be producing a strategy for physical and sensory impairment services. As this article is being written, the strategy is on its way to the printers and should be ready to distribute by the middle of December!

The overwhelming key message of the strategy is the need to **raise the awareness** of physically and sensory impaired people’s needs. Recognition and understanding of these needs by health and social care staff is vital and the strategy proposes positive action to address this issue. The strategy has been christened as **“Promoting Independence – Step by Step”** in acknowledgement that this is just the beginning of a long-term process.

Everyone who attended the stakeholder event on 18th July, plus those on the physical and sensory impairment mailing list, will receive a copy. Copies are also being sent to every GP in Nottingham, the Nottingham Primary Care Trust’s Board and Executive Committee members, and senior staff at Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. If you do not receive a copy and would like one please contact:

Jane Godden, Nottingham City Primary Care Trust, Telephone (0115) 942 6000 extension 38504, e-mail jane.godden@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk

General comments to physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk
Further information on www.pdteam.org.uk/psi.htm

LEARNING DISABILITIES – OTHER NEWS



Tackling Bullying

An Anti Bullying worker is being recruited to agree a programme of action to **tackle the bullying of adults with learning disabilities** within the services that they use. This will include the development of anti bullying policies, the production of appropriate practice and procedure guides, and the creation of a programme of staff training and development. Interviews for the post are being held in December and hopefully an appointment will be made in early January. Bullying also featured at the City Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Annual Conference, see article on page 2.

Carers' Forum

We need **more representation** from City residents on the Forum run by the PDT. It is NOT a support group but a recognised channel of communication between relatives of adults with learning disabilities and service planners in the NHS & Local Authorities. We will provide you with any support that you might need to attend meetings and pay out of pocket expenses. Contact the PDT for details.



learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk

“Anti-Bullying worker is being recruited”

HIV & AIDS

The HIV Service Users and Carers Group continues to offer a forum for service users and carers to discuss issues relating to health and social care. This Group meets on a quarterly basis, usually at the British Red Cross Headquarters on Great Freeman Street in Nottingham. **New members are always welcome.**

At the last meeting there was a very useful discussion on **accessing dental services**, including the HIV specialist dental services and general dentistry, which had been a source of concern for some time. **Richard McCallum** from Broxtowe and Hucknall PCT was able to explain the responsibilities of dental service providers and was really responsive to the concerns of service users.

At the December meeting the Group will be considering the role of the Patient Advice and Liaison Service [PALS]. PALS is about making sure that as a patient, relative or carer there is someone to turn to for on the spot help, advice and information.

The **HIV Directory and other helpful information** is now available on the Partnership Development Team website: www.pdteam.org.uk/hiv.htm
Ruth Cutler, Senior Development Manager, Gedling PCT

General comments to hivaid@pdteam.org.uk

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Improvement, expansion and reform of services for Older People 2003-6

A new system of planning has been introduced, covering NHS and joint NHS/Social Care priorities based on a **3-year local delivery plan** (LDP). We are developing a 3 year local delivery plan to improve services and outcomes for older people in line with the National Service Framework standards and milestones.

Targets

The service improvements we are planning will need to demonstrate:

- Improved hospital discharge without delays
- Minimal growth in the number of emergency hospital admissions and no growth in the number of re-admissions
- Fewer people spending more time in hospital than they need to
- More people benefiting from intermediate care services
- More people supported intensively to live at home
- More carers receiving services
- More extra care housing places
- More pieces of community equipment provided

To achieve the improvements required over the next 3 years we are planning to:

- Streamline the assessment process and establish specialist multi-agency teams to assess and manage the care of older people in the community
- Improve and expand our intermediate care services and develop a Falls Prevention service
- Establish a new Community Equipment service
- Increase investment in residential and home care services, including intensive specialist home care services for people with dementia

For more information on local developments of the National Service Framework for Older People contact:

Shirley Smith, Nottingham City PCT - 0115 942 8686

E-mail: shirley.smith@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk

Or

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General comments to olderpeople@pdteam.org.uk

Further Information on www.pdteam.org.uk/olderpeople.htm

or www.nottingham.nhs.uk select LIS Programme > LIS Projects > NSF's > NSF-OP

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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; 01623 555 551 or LINKS@netcomuk.co.uk
Broxtowe	Broxtowe Voluntary Sector Forum – a forum for voluntary and community groups in the Broxtowe Borough. Contact Mel Hatto for more info on 0115 949 1175
Gedling	Gedling Voluntary Action Network, Pam Wisher on 0115 926 6750 or admin@gedlingcvs.org.uk
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 Val Gardiner at Newark & Sherwood CVS on 01636 613693 or vgardiner@nandscvs.org
Housing & Homelessness	A multi-agency forum examining issues of housing and homelessness in the County. For further information contact Pam Pollock or Elaine Graves on 0115 967 4424
	The Nottingham Voluntary Sector Homelessness Forum - a new forum for voluntary sector workers in the City. Contact Claire Grainger on 0115 859 9521 or claire.grainger@hlg.org.uk for further information
Learning Disability	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. Further information available from Maggy Topley on 0115 988 1710 or Val Gardiner 01636 613693.

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SUPPORTING PEOPLE – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Supporting People Nottinghamshire now has 2 teams – one in **Mansfield** (dealing with supported housing in the North of the County) and one in **West Bridgford** (dealing with the South of the County).

Supporting People is the new system of **planning, monitoring and funding** housing related support services. It is the biggest change to affect supported housing in many years.

The County's Supporting People Team are currently working hard to ensure the scheme is in operation for **April 2003**.

If you would like to know any more about Supporting People please contact one of the teams –

North County 01623 463471

South County 0115 9772346

Editorial Note:

The Nottingham City Supporting People team are available on 0115 915 7324

“Supporting People Notts. now has two teams ...”

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physical & sensory impairment	Jane Godden – Commissioning Manager	Nottingham City PCT (0115 942 6000 x 38504)
older people	Caroline Jordan – Senior Nurse Public Health	Nottingham City PCT (0115 942 6000)
	Shirley Smith – NSF Implementation Manager (City)	Nottingham City PCT (0115 942 8646)
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substance misuse	Kate Davies – DAAT Co-ordinator (County)	See contact details above
	Tony Cooke – Drug Strategy Manager (City)	See contact details above

diary

date **meeting** **start time**

january

Monday 6th	Carers' Forum – Contact PDT for info (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Wednesday 8th	Mental Health Local Implementation Team	1.30 pm
	Older People's Strategic Modernisation Team	2 pm
Monday 13th	City Learning Disabilities Partnership Board	10 am
Tuesday 14th	Learning Disabilities Development Group	1.30 pm

february

Monday 3rd	Carers' Forum – Contact PDT for info (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Tuesday 11th	Learning Disabilities Development Group	1.30 pm
	Action for Rural Care & Health (ARCH) meeting – Contact Val Gardiner for more information see page 6	2 pm

march

Monday 3rd	Carers' Forum – Contact PDT for info (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Tuesday 4th	Older People's Strategic Modernisation Team	2 pm
	Nottingham Voluntary Sector Homelessness Forum – See page 6 for details	2 pm
Tuesday 11th	Learning Disabilities Development Group	1.30 pm
	County Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group	2 pm
Tuesday 18th	Broxtowe Voluntary Sector Forum – see page 6 for details	7 pm

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