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## LOCAL DELIVERY PLANS

By March 2003 all Primary Care Trusts and NHS Trusts will have produced a three year **Local Delivery Plan (LDP)** which will hold 75% of the national NHS budget – a detailed local strategy which sets **targets** for improving the health and social care of local people and communities. The LDPs will **address the needs** of local communities as a whole and incorporate the national health policies that are

- **improving access to all services** through – better emergency care, reducing waiting, increased booking for appointments and admission and more choice for patients
- focusing on **improving services** and outcomes in – cancer, coronary heart disease, mental health, health of older people and improving life chances for children
- **improving** overall experience for patients
- **reducing** health inequalities
- contributing to the **cross-government drive** to reduce drug misuse

To assess the health needs and to improve and develop services PCTs will **bring together** the work of the NHS, local authorities, police, fire, voluntary and community groups, and the private sector. The voluntary and community groups are in an ideal position to influence health services and make a difference to local health and social services alike.

For **further information** please contact the Rushcliffe CVS Health Team at [health@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:health@rushcliffecvs.org.uk) Other information about health can be found on

[www.ruschliffecvs.org.uk](http://www.ruschliffecvs.org.uk)

### Renewed Funding for PDT

We have been awarded further funding by the Nottingham Primary Care Trusts. This means that we will be operational until **March 2004**. Work is now underway to further develop activities around substance misuse, older people and physical & sensory impairment whilst supporting the other adult vulnerable care groups.

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

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## EDITORIAL

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As reported in previous editions of the newsletter each Primary Care Trust (PCT) is working on different ways of **involving** Patient and the Public to help shape local services. Patient and Public Involvement is high in their agenda and is something they must do to ensure local services reflect the local needs.

Both Rushcliffe and Gedling PCTs have formed **Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Groups** under their PPI leads to organise the engagement of service users, carers and the public in the whole range of the PCT's business. The Partnership Development Team is on both groups, along with the local CVSs, the Carers' Federation and other relevant stakeholders. We shall be working very closely with these groups to ensure that the needs of the "**adult vulnerable care groups**" are fully taken account of in each of the PCTs' localities. Although Nottingham City and Broxtowe & Hucknall PCTs do not yet have PPI groups we are working closely with their PPI leads in the same way.

Rushcliffe's PPI Group has **sub-groups** for both Mental Health and Older People and again, the PDT is on both. The Older People's sub-group has been working with Help the Aged to look at the idea of setting up an Older People's Forum for Rushcliffe. Look out for news, soon, of an Open Day event in June (probably at County Hall), to get this off the ground.

To **find out more** about Patient & Public Involvement please contact one of the following.

- **Broxtowe & Hucknall** – Wendy Thraves 0115 875 4900 or [wendy.thraves@broxtowehucknall-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:wendy.thraves@broxtowehucknall-pct.nhs.uk);
- **Gedling** – Tammy Coles on 0115 993 1444 or [tammy.coles@gedling-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:tammy.coles@gedling-pct.nhs.uk);
- **Rushcliffe** – Penny Spice on 0115 956 0300 or [penny.spice@rushcliffe-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:penny.spice@rushcliffe-pct.nhs.uk);
- **Nottingham City** – Joy Cummings-Jones 0115 845 4545 or [joy.cummings-jones@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:joy.cummings-jones@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk)

Other related developments include the formation of the **Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health**. This national body has just published details of its structure and is developing plans to support the local development of Patient Forums. Work is taking place locally amongst key umbrella bodies to explore the potential of these forums and link their work and other local initiatives. More information is available at [www.cppih.org](http://www.cppih.org)

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## UPDATE ON TACKLING BULLYING

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Since last time Donna Burton has taken up her post as the "**Tackling Bullying Worker**" covering Broxtowe & Hucknall, Gedling and the City. Donna has been meeting with many local organisations (both voluntary and statutory) who work with adults with learning disabilities to **gather information** for the project. In addition Donna has sent our a **questionnaire** to all services in the area to find out what they think and know about bullying and asked service users to enter a **competition** to help design a logo for the project.

Donna says "This project was **requested** by people with learning disabilities and is for people with learning disabilities. I wanted to give everyone the opportunity to be involved by discussing and completing the questionnaire and designing an image that is relevant to them. I am very pleased with the response and excited by their ideas". The winning logo will be announced at the end of March and featured in the next edition of this newsletter.

The **next stage** of the project is to start writing policies and procedures and investigate material about courses for the training programme.

For **more information** contact Donna on 0115 988 1710 or [bullying@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:bullying@pdteam.org.uk)

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## CITY LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Board met on January 13th. Topics under consideration included updates on the review of Community Learning Disability Teams and the work on modernising day services. Strategies for developing more housing and employment options for people with learning disabilities were also discussed.

As the Partnership Board had been meeting for over a year, a **questionnaire** had been sent to Board members asking how well they thought the Board was working. The results indicated that members believed that the Board was making a difference to the future of services. A number of people thought there should be **greater opportunity for informal discussion** or small groups within the Board's meetings. A working group was set up to produce proposals for the 2003-2004 work programme and the future format of meetings.

In the Partnership Board's regular Talkback slot, the service user co-chairs, Amanda Platts and Janet Gunn, described how elections would be held for the two extra user representatives.

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The next meeting of the Partnership Board is to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## PHYSICAL & SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

The Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) Strategy document “**Promoting Independence – Step by Step**” has now been printed and distributed to over 400 people – service users, carers, voluntary sector organisations and health and social services staff including all GPs in the 4 Nottingham Primary Care Trusts.

We are now into the “implementation phase” and the priorities for 2003 include:

- Promoting **disability awareness training** for health and social care staff
- Improving **communication for Deaf people**
- Exploring the **needs of carers**

Further details of what we are doing will be included in the next edition of this newsletter.

The JCG will continue involving service users and carers in our work. We are looking at ways of doing this throughout the coming year, such as organising Focus Groups or having e-mail discussions. JCG members are also happy to attend meetings of established groups. Please contact Maggy Topley at the Partnership Development Team or Jane Godden at Nottingham City Primary Care Trust if this would be of interest to you.

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**Editorial Note:** Work is already underway to talk with carers of people with disabilities. We are planning **focus groups for service users** later in the year. If anyone with a physical or sensory impairment is interested in participating ring **0115 988 1710** or email [physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk)

## MENTAL HEALTH

“... although we still see increases in resources for mental health, there is much we will have to defer...”

The last few weeks have shown the real impact that the Government's changes to the organisation of the NHS has had on service planning. We now need to base plans on the four 'Nottingham' Primary Care Trusts (Broxtowe & Hucknall, Gedling, Nottingham City, and Rushcliffe), for three years ahead, knowing the funds available. This process leads to the Local Delivery Plans required from each PCT for all care groups.

We have been working to **juggle** the complex requirements of meeting Government targets (like establishing Crisis Resolution, Carer Support, and Graduate Workers in Primary Care) with the demands of using modern treatments (like 'Atypical' Anti-psychotic drugs), and the pressure being felt in the Voluntary Sector.

The Local Implementation Team has had some **difficult choices**, and although we will still see real increases in resources for Mental Health, there is much that we will have to defer.

One **new development** we will see in April is the official launch of the East Midlands Regional Development Centre for Mental Health, which will help all of us to make best use of proven approaches to deliver the best services to those who need our support.

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## SUPPORTING PEOPLE – NOTTINGHAM

**Supporting People** the government's new programme for funding housing support services, is being introduced by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister nationally on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, Nottingham City Council will be responsible for **funding the cost of support services** such as wardens/ alarm systems/ support staff/ hostel workers. All services will be reviewed to assess whether they are offering users value for money and a good quality service. Services must also meet the strategic objectives set out in local Supporting People strategies.

The Supporting People team based within the City Council's Housing Department are **responsible** for paying providers of services and subsidising individuals who can't afford to pay any charges for the cost of wardens and support staff. After April, users of short term services such as hostels, and those on Housing Benefit will receive a free Supporting People service.

We are now in the **final stages** of preparing for the 1<sup>st</sup> April which comes after nearly 2 years of consultation events, seminars and training sessions. The Supporting People Team would like to thank all providers, service users and stakeholders who have worked hard to help us gather a huge range of information about services in Nottingham. We are now all looking forward to the start of Supporting People and the new challenges that lie ahead of us.

For **more information** contact Kirsty Everson, Supporting People Project Officer, Nottingham City Council, Supporting People Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 15 Middle Pavement, Nottingham, NG1 7DX, Tel 0115 915 6866 or email [kirsty.everson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.everson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

“The Supporting People Team would like to thank all providers, service users and stakeholders”

Free Nursing Care – NHS funded nursing care was **introduced** in October 2001 for residents in nursing homes paying for themselves. From April of this year residents supported by local authorities will **also** be eligible for NHS funded registered nursing care, continence advice and specialised NHS equipment.

The initiative **addresses issues** highlighted in the Royal Commission's report 'Provision of Long Term Care', which recognised that anomalies had been created in the funding of nursing care.

Nursing home residents will now be **assessed by a PCT registered nurse** assessor, who will consider the predictability, stability, complexity and risk of nursing care needs. Those suitable will receive a contribution towards their registered nursing care.

**New teams** have been created within the Nottingham PCTs to ensure that NHS funded nursing care continues to be implemented throughout the PCTs. These teams have taken over the role from the Partnership Initiative with Nursing and Social Services. The nurse assessors continue to be based with Adult Assessment and Care Management Teams throughout Nottingham City, Rushcliffe, Gedling and Broxtowe Social Services departments and are presently being recruited.

The City PCT team is led by Sharon Morgan, Long Term Nursing Care Co-ordinator and lead nurse for NHS Funded Nursing Care and the Rushcliffe, Gedling and Broxtowe and Hucknall PCT team is led by Sue Meer. They are based at Sherwood Health Centre and can be contacted on tel: 969 1777.

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## HIV & AIDS

**“... problems of the relocated 'Drop In' .... Work is progressing to look for permanent premises.”**

Service users who attend the HIV Service Users and Carers Task Group raised the **problems of the relocated 'Drop In'** provision that is now at the church on the corner of Chaucer Street and Goldsmith Street in Nottingham City Centre. [Around the rear of the premises in the Church Hall]. The Drop In operates on Wednesdays and provides support for HIV service users and carers, lunch, aromatherapy and access to the various members of the Nottingham Positive Care Team. Problems were ones of access and appropriateness. These have **improved** a little now as the premises are now accessible for wheelchair users and although are not by any means ideal do at least provide a venue and lunch for those that need access to the Team. Work is progressing to look for permanent premises.

The next meeting of the Task Group on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2002 between 1 – 3 pm at British Red Cross HQ on Great Freeman Street is **open to anyone** affected by HIV & AIDS, but please give Ruth Cutler a ring first on 0115 8599081.

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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	<b>Ashfield Links Forum</b> ; 01623 555 551 or <a href="mailto:LINKS@netcomuk.co.uk">LINKS@netcomuk.co.uk</a>
Broxtowe	<b>Broxtowe Voluntary Sector Forum</b> – a forum for voluntary and community groups in the Broxtowe Borough. Contact Mel Hatto for more info on 0115 949 1175
	<b>Broxtowe Interagency Homelessness Forum</b> . Open to voluntary & statutory sectors contact Kris Gregory 0115 994 7790 or <a href="mailto:bshag@btclick.com">bshag@btclick.com</a>
Gedling	<b>Gedling Voluntary Action Network</b> , Pam Wisher on 0115 926 6750 or <a href="mailto:admin@gedlingcvcs.org.uk">admin@gedlingcvcs.org.uk</a>
ARCH	<b>Action for Rural Care &amp; Health</b> – 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 <a href="mailto:vgardiner@nandscvcs.org">vgardiner@nandscvcs.org</a>
Housing & Homelessness	The <b>Nottinghamshire Housing &amp; Homelessness Forum</b> - 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 <b>Nottingham Voluntary Sector Homelessness Forum</b> - a new forum for voluntary sector workers in the City. Contact Claire Grainger on 0115 859 9521 or <a href="mailto:claire.grainger@hlg.org.uk">claire.grainger@hlg.org.uk</a> for further information
Learning Disability	A <b>county-wide forum for voluntary organisations</b> working with adults with learning disabilities. The group meets quarterly to support the voluntary sector reps on both the City and County Learning Disability Partnership Boards. Further information available from Maggy Topley on 0115 988 1710 or Val Gardiner 01636 613693.



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 the **partnership development** team (PDT),



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<p><b>Nottingham City PCT</b> Standard Court Park Row Nottingham. NG1 6GN Tel: 0115 845 4545 <a href="http://www.nottingham.nhs.uk">www.nottingham.nhs.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Rushcliffe PCT</b> Barclays Bank Chambers Tudor Square West Bridgford Nottingham. NG2 6BT Tel: 0115 956 0300 <a href="http://www.nottingham.nhs.uk">www.nottingham.nhs.uk</a></p>
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<p><b>Nottingham City Drug Action Team</b> Melrose House Waverley St Nottingham. NG7 4HF Tel: 0115 915 1961 or Tony direct on 915 7029</p>	<p><b>Nottinghamshire Drug &amp; Alcohol Action Team</b> 5a Beech House Ransom Wood Business Park, Southwell Rd West Rainworth, Mansfield. Notts. NG21 0ER Tel: 01623 414 114 <a href="http://www.nottscountydaat.org.uk">www.nottscountydaat.org.uk</a></p>



## HIYE – HEALTH IN YOUR ENVIRONMENT VOL. SECTOR FORUM

**“HIYE will  
be holding ...  
a series of  
workshops  
this year”**

HIYE will be holding the first of a series of workshops this year, starting on Friday 28th March at Nottingham CVS between 10.00-12.00. Mike Perverill, Local Agenda 21 Policy Officer with Nottingham City Council will lead the workshop that will look at what really went on at last September's Jo'burg Summit, what the implications are for us at a local level, and how we can effect necessary changes back in our own organisations. The emphasis will be on making action plans. Future workshops will be around GMO's and health, zero waste policy, fact or fiction, and its effect on health and one looking at the range of chemical pollution and health.

If you are interested contact Helen Ross on [helen.ross@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:helen.ross@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk)

Richard Eddleston - Chair

# diary

date	meeting	start time
<b>april</b>		
Tuesday 1st	Older Persons Strategic Modernisation Team	2 pm
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Learning Disability Carers' Forum - Contact the PDT for details (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Physical & Sensory Impairment Joint Commissioning Group	1.00pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30pm
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Alcohol Users' Forum – Contact the PDT for details (for people whose use of alcohol has/does cause problems)</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	City Learning Disability Partnership Board	10.00am
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	City Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group	9.30am
<b>may</b>		
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Learning Disability Carers' Forum - Contact the PDT for details (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30pm
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Action for Rural Care &amp; Health meeting – See page 6 for details</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Older Person's Strategic Modernisation Team	9 am
<b>june</b>		
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Learning Disability Carers' Forum - Contact the PDT for details (parents/carers of adults with learning disabilities)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	City Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group	9.30am
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Alcohol Users' Forum – Contact the PDT for details (for people whose use of alcohol has/does cause problems)</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	County Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group	9.30 am
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Voluntary Sector Learning Disability Network – see page 6 for details</b>	<b>11 am</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Alcohol Carers' Forum – contact the PDT for details (for carers of people whose use of alcohol does/has caused problems)</b>	<b>7 pm</b>

**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 within or contact the Partnership Development Team**

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