

yorkshire & the humber “let’s talk care”

our news, your views and updates | 08 July 10

welcome to our regular e-news

news headlines:

Working together with dementia – developing a regional workforce strategy

Nearly 300 social care and health professionals from public, private, voluntary and independent sectors, as well as unpaid carers and individuals who employ their own staff using direct payments and individual budgets came together to attend the Skills for Care regional conference the 29 June in Bradford.



The delegates heard from Michelle Place from the Yorkshire and Humber Improvement Partnership about how the number of people in Yorkshire and the Humber with dementia is set to rise by nearly **50% to 89,700 people** over the next 15 years. Nine of the 15 local authorities in Yorkshire and the Humber will have a **greater increase than the national average**. We must ensure that we have an appropriately trained and skilled workforce to meet these increasing demands.

Together Skills for Care and Skills for Health are working to support the social care and health workforces to come together and develop an integrated, regional dementia strategy for workforce development.



The National Dementia Strategy, launched in February 2009, has 17 objectives and one clear theme throughout all of them, is the workforce. This conference highlighted the importance of workforce development and look at recent changes including the refreshed **Common Induction Standards** that Skills for Care has developed for people who work in

social care. These now include recognising possible signs of dementia, which will help with early diagnosis. Other updates include the first units to go on the **Qualifications and Credit Framework** which are awareness of dementia and certificate in dementia care.

[Click here for the presentation slides, delegate pack and handouts from the event](#)

Skills for Care launch new report into how communities can support people who use services and carers

Skills for Care have launched their 'Only a Footstep Away' report looking at how local people and communities can support people who use services and carers in their neighbourhood.

'Only a Footstep Away' explores how Skills for Care and other stakeholders can support the skills requirements of those who do not see themselves as part of the adult social care workforce but still have an important role in enabling people who use services to continue to living in their neighbourhoods.

other news:

Addressing inequalities of access and reduce gaps in outcomes for BME older people

Age Concern Support Services (Yorkshire and Humber) are delivering a project in the region which aims to address inequalities of access and reduce gaps in outcomes for BME older people in relation to health and social care services. The project is supported by Communities and Local Government and Age UK.

They are working with public and third sector organisations and the independent sector delivering public services to look at how accessible their services are, help them to identify gaps and plan for future improvements. There is currently no cost for using this service.

[Click here for more information about the project](#)

More power to the patient (in Doncaster)

Patients will be offered more choice and control over their healthcare with the launch of the first direct payment scheme. Eight Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) will begin to road test direct payments for personal health budgets. This will allow Primary Care Trusts to give the money for someone's care directly to them, allowing individuals to decide how, where and from whom they receive their healthcare, in partnership with the local NHS.

The scheme is designed to help individuals with a range of health conditions including people with diabetes, stroke, heart disease, end of life care and mental health conditions. Doncaster PCT is one of the eight pilot PCTs

Revised remit for CWDC

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) has agreed savings of £15m for 2010-11 with the Department for Education (DfE) and has confirmed a revised remit with a strong emphasis on cost-effective delivery to support front-line services.

Link: http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/3848_revised-remit-for-cwdc

Living Well with Dementia

There is a new online mentoring service for people with dementia and their carers. Please help spread the word and encouraging people with dementia and their carers to become mentors or to seek advice from other "Living Well With Dementia" mentors on the site.

You can download "From the Horses Mouth" posters and flyers from their website.

Link: <http://www.dignityincare.org.uk/News/newsItem/?cid=7763&>

publications:

JIP Annual Review 2009/10

The JIP Annual Review for 2009/10 providing an overview of the JIP's activities over the past year and priorities for this in Yorkshire and the Humber.

Download: [JIP Annual Review 2009-10](#)

New SCIE guidance will help commissioners to support user-led organisations

SCIE has launched a new interactive online guide to support commissioners in developing strong and sustainable user-led organisations (ULOs). There is now a stronger case than ever before for local authorities to invest in, and work with, ULOs because they have a vital role to play in the transformation of adult social care. All local authority commissioners must make sure that they have worked to develop and sustain ULOs by December 2010. The guide is accompanied by a printed At a glance summary.

Link: <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/ataglance/ataglance25.asp>

Ethical issues in the use of telecare – new publication from SCIE

This At a glance briefing examines the ethical issues which local strategies and protocols should reflect and which practitioners should think about when supporting people to use telecare services. The briefing summarises SCIE's Report 30: Ethical issues in the use of telecare (Francis and Holmes, 2010), which is based on research commissioned by SCIE from the Welsh Centre for Learning Disabilities.

Link: <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/ataglance/ataglance24.asp>

consultations:

A review of care services is underway

An Alliance of 35 social care organisations, including Age UK, are conducting a review of how social care services have changed in the last year. Those who are in contact with older people who use care and support services are asked to please encourage them to take part in this survey. It will take just five minutes and the survey can be completed online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/carereview2010>

FINAL CHANCE: Online consultation - Give your views on Training Strategy Implementation (TSI) Funding

Closing date: Friday 9 July 2010

Skills for Care has asked Change Consultancy to undertake a review of how TSI funding operates both nationally and in each region.

This consultation is being sent to employers in the social care sector to find out about their knowledge and experiences of TSI funding. The survey is for **all** employers, both those who have accessed TSI funding and those that haven't.

Have your say now, the survey takes approximately 3 minutes and is available at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G2WQSRW>

events:

EXCELLENCE OUT OF ADVERSITY: Innovative ways of supporting the health & social care workforce conference. Hilton Glasgow. 1 & 2 February 2011

****EARLY BIRD OFFER - book your place before 30 November 2010 at a reduced rate of £99 (payment must be received by 10 December 2010)****

The third international new types of worker research conference heads to Glasgow on 1 and 2 February 2011. Building on the success of our previous events looking at workforce development in health and social care, this two day conference draws together speakers and participants from around the world.

At a time of rapid change in demographics, technology and demand for health and social care for adults and children, this conference is the only international event that gives senior

people in research, policy and strategy an opportunity to come together to learn and examine workforce challenges in health and social care.

[For more information and details on how to book click here.](#)



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