

Cardiff Health and Social Care Network

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CH&SC Network News

Welcome to the following new members of the CHSCN!

We would like to welcome all of our new members this month! Individuals from the following organisations have joined us:

- Cardiff Foodbank
- The Place2Be
- Elizabeth Finn Care
- DeafBlind Cymru
- Stonewall Cymru

Third Sector Masterclass

The Masterclass event held on 23rd June 2010 was hosted by Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board for its Board members, together with invited Third Sector and Local Authority partners. The event allowed the Cardiff ULHB to establish shared expectations about working together and to explore opportunities for strategic and operational collaboration. A report produced from the event describes the presentations given on the day and how these set the scene for the afternoon workshops and discussions about what might be taken forward locally. Jan Williams, Chief Executive of Cardiff & Vale UHB highlighted that 'Its key messages set a solid foundation for reshaping how public sector services are delivered and the role played by the Third Sector in a co-design and co-production model'. A copy of the report can be downloaded from the VAC website:

http://www.vacardiff.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=71

Cardiff Meetings

The **Cardiff Health Alliance Board** met on 25th August 2010 attended by voluntary sector representatives. The main points of discussion were on the consultation on new guidance for the HSCWBS strategy, the Integrated Partnership Strategy and the progress that has been made to date. The time lines for development were reviewed. There were presentations made on the needs assessment findings which showed some stark findings particularly in relation to population numbers,

life expectancy and deprivation. Further information can be obtained on the [Ask Cardiff](#) website. Board members were asked to support the new draft 'Healthy Weight, Healthy City' Strategic Framework presented by Ann Unitt. This was endorsed by the group. Updates were given from the APG Chairs group, Health & Wellbeing Partnership Group, Healthy Cities, Joint working special grant (coming to an end in Mar 2011) and Wales Interpreter and Translation Service. 'Our Healthy Future', WAG's strategic framework for Public Health in Wales was distributed for information. A report building on messages from the Marmot review, from the Sustainable Development Commission, *The key to tackling health inequalities*, was also distributed for information. It was noted that there was likely to be a 12% reduction in Supporting People funding across Wales over the next 3 years and that Cardiff could be hit worse due to redistribution issues.

Integrated Partnership Strategy Timeline (agreed by LSB Executive Aug 2010)

28th September

Extended Operational Forum for all partnerships to provide their high level priorities (partnership outcomes) which they wish to be considered for inclusion in each of the 7 Population Outcomes in the overarching IPS document and Delivery Plans. All others will be included within the performance / service element of the partnership activities and have a clear line of sight of how they contribute to delivery of the population outcomes.

6th October

Agreement of Population Indicators and consideration of draft priorities of the IPS by **LSB Executive**

12th October

Agreement of Population Indicators and consideration of draft priorities of the IPS by **Vision Forum**

26th October

Meeting of Joint Partnership Boards to agree final priorities and consider first draft of IPS

1st December

Meeting of **Joint Partnership Boards** to approve IPS for consultation

w/c 6th December

Launch of statutory 12 week consultation

25th February

End of consultation

1st April

Submission of Draft IPS to WAG

6th April

Meeting of **Joint Partnership Boards** to agree amended IPS which reflects consultation findings

5th May

Deadline for Council's Executive Business Meeting

June

Approval by **statutory decision making processes** of partners (Cardiff & Vale UHB Board, Council etc)

9th June

Agreement of IPS at **Council's Executive Business Meeting**

23rd June

Approval by **full meeting of Cardiff Council**

30th June

Submission to WAG / Publication

Janice Bell attended the meeting of the **Multi-Agency Homelessness Strategy and Advisory Planning Group** which took place on 19th August 2010; much of the meeting covered a discussion on the Homelessness Chapter for the HSCWB Strategy. It was decided that further work and discussion was needed when determining outcomes in housing and homelessness. Other points on the agenda were the Cardiff Housing website and the questionnaires regarding the Advice Services which had now been sent out

Copies of meeting report forms from your voluntary sector representatives are available to view on the VAC website: www.vacardiff.gov.uk

Third Sector Engagement in Health

WAG has asked Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to report on how they are addressing the key actions set out in Designed to Add Value (D2AV) – a third dimension for One Wales. Cardiff & Vale HSC Facilitators are currently finalising a joint action plan which will highlight work undertaken jointly (aligned with the themes of D2AV) and also evidencing locality specific work relating to Cardiff and the Vale. They are working with the UHB Head of Partnerships to support the Health Board's response.

UHB Scoping exercise

Health and Social Care Facilitators in Voluntary Action Cardiff (VAC) and Vale Centre for Voluntary Services (V CVS) have been asked to undertake an important piece of work on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to help to inform the development of its Third Sector Strategic Alliance and Investment Strategy. This follows on from the Third Sector Masterclass held in June 2010, they are bringing all the information gathered together to present a full picture of third sector service provision across health and social care covering Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Using key headings from the Health Board's 5 Year Framework (see below) they are not only looking at current practice and funding arrangements, but also at gaps in services and how the third sector might best fill those gaps. As part of this at the beginning of August the CH&SC network sent out an email giving more details and also a template for members to complete, as a reminder I have attached the template with this ebrief. We would be grateful if you could complete the template for each project / service that you deliver, either by entering details into the template or addressing the questions in a format of your choice.

- UHB 5 Year Framework themes:
- Staying Healthy (prevention / substance misuse / sexual health / housing)
- Maternity and newborn
- Children and Young People
- Long term Conditions
- Frail and Elderly People
- Adult & Older persons' mental health and wellbeing
- Learning Disability
- Elective Care
- Unscheduled Care
- End of Life Care
- Carers

Please return the information requested by Friday 10th September 2010 to Emily Forbes the CH&SC facilitator, email: emily.f@vacardiff.org.uk

CHSCN Events

CHSCN Event

Third Sector Survival: How can health & social care organisations prepare for public sector funding cuts

Date: Tuesday 21st September 2010

Time: 9.30 – 13.30 including FREE lunch

Location: [The Salvation Army, Corporation Road, Grangetown, Cardiff, CF11 7AY](#)

(Links to a Google map of the post code of the event)

The event has a format of speakers and workshops to look at how we can work together in economically challenging times. Phil Jarrold, WCVA, will open the event speaking on the national economic context for the third sector. Four workshops are being held to encourage new ways of working within the third sector:

- Diversifying your income - VAC Development Team
- Measuring your impact using RBA - Cardiff Local Service Board
- Developing consortia and collaborative working - WCVA
- Doing a cost benefit analysis - Paul Hocking

If you would like to book your place at this event please complete the attached booking form and return it to Anne McDonough.

Tel: 029 2048 5722

E-mail: anne.m@vacardiff.org.uk

Member Events and News

VAC is moving!

During the week commencing 20th September the VAC offices at Shand House will be closed for the whole week in preparation for our move to our new office. We are hoping that everything will be ship shape by the following week. Our new address will be:
Voluntary Action Cardiff, Ground Floor, Brunel House, 2 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff, CF24 0EB.
More details about our move will be sent out to you soon.

ISSA Wales First Annual Conference - Islam, Muslims & Mental Health

Date: Wednesday 29th September 2010

Time: 9.30am - 4.00pm

Location: The Future Inn, Cardiff

Presentations, DVD, Interactive Workshops, Questions and Answers

Limited Places Available. Booking Essential. Cost: Organisations £40, Individuals £20

Find out more:

Tel: 029 2034 5294

E-mail: info@issa-wales.org

Keepsakes Community Arts Exhibition

Date: 11th September – 22nd November

Time: 10am – 5pm Daily

Location: [St Fagans: National History Museum](#). Located 4 miles west of Cardiff City Centre, just off the A4232

A beautiful, handcrafted display of keepsakes inspired by St Fagans; National History Museum's collection and created by women from Women's Arts Association's latest community arts project.

Events:

- Keepsakes Project Workshops - 2nd and 9th October. Times: 11.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Create beautiful memory ropes and keepsakes with project artists Prue Thimbleby and Beck Adams. For Families/Free/Drop in.
- Hidden Gems: The Museum's Treasures, an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Museum's stores - 9th and 16th October Times: 11.00am - 12.00pm & 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Adults/Free/Booking essential: Tel. No. 029 2057 3424.
- Art Cart: Children's sessions - 23rd - 29th October. Times: 11.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Drop in to Oriel 1 to create arts and crafts in response to the Keepsakes exhibition. Families/Free/Drop in.

For further information regarding the keepsakes events, contact St Fagans: National History Museum

Tel: 029 2057 3500 **Website:** www.museumwales.ac.uk

For further information about Women's Arts Association contact:

Tel: 029 2048 7850

Email: projects@womensarts.co.uk

www.womensarts.co.uk

Pedal Power's 10th Birthday Celebration

Date: Saturday 18th September 2010

Time: 2.30pm bike ride in Bute Park followed by 3.20pm afternoon tea and entertainment at Pedal Power HQ

Booking is essential. To book a place and find out more please contact:

Tel: 029 2039 0713

E-mail: info@cardiffpedalpower.org

Bulliesout

What: Summer Ball

Date: Friday 24th September 2010

Time: 6.30pm - 12.00 midnight

Location: Hilton Hotel, Cardiff

A glamorous event, to support the charity Bulliesout. Red Carpet arrival drinks reception, three course dinner, exclusive raffle auction and DJ. Live entertainment throughout the night, with James Williams, X-Factor finalist and Piano and vocalist duo Laura Coyne and Daniel Curtis. Tickets £45 per person.

Tel: 029 2056 8947

E-mail: mail@bulliesout.co.uk

Health & Wellbeing 2010 - National Conference for the Public Sector

Date: Thursday 14th October 2010

Time: 8.30 am - 5.30pm

Location: QE11 Conference Centre, London

After the success of last year's inaugural event, this one-day conference will bring together over 350 key public sector stakeholders, eminent speakers and expert suppliers to discuss the delivery of key health, work and wellbeing policies across the country, putting the spotlight on the health of our working-age population. This year's programme will provide a crucial and timely update on the government's key aims and plans for the delivery of health, work and wellbeing policies and efficiency improvements across the country.

Special offer for Charities and the Voluntary Sector: £149.00 +VAT per delegate this is a saving of £100.00 on the standard delegate rate.

Contact:

Tel: 0161 211 3030

E-mail: kate.heaton@govnet.org.uk

Website: <http://www.govnet.co.uk/health/index.html>

Alzheimer's Society - Cardiff Carers' Information, Support & Wellbeing Bus

Are you or do you know anyone who is caring for someone with dementia related needs in Cardiff? If so then the Cardiff Carers Bus provides information and support to the carers of anyone with dementia/memory problems. Together with the advice and support they offer a course of FREE Reflexology or Indian Head massage to the carers, promoting stress relief, relaxation and wellbeing, and giving them some precious time for themselves.

The bus is funded by Cardiff City Council via the Cardiff Carers Mental Health Grant Fund and because of this is only available to Cardiff Communities. The Carers bus visits 16 areas of Cardiff, Monday to Thursday on a weekly rotation basis; it covers north, south, east and west Cardiff in any one month.

Find out more or to book an appointment:

Tel: 0845 24 10987/ 07872 174336

E-mail: cardiffandvale@alzheimers.org.uk

Federation City Farms and community gardens Wales Map

A dual language map featuring community gardens, farms and associated projects across Wales, was launched at the Senedd in Cardiff in June 2010 by the Welsh Assembly's Minister for Rural Affairs Elin Jones AM. The map will be distributed to Local Authorities, libraries, schools and tourist information centres. The map is available to download for the FCFCG website or you can contact the FCFCG Wales office for a copy.

Find out more:

Tel: 029 2022 5942

Email: wales@farmgarden.org.uk

Website: <http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/farms-gardens/your-region/wales/545-wales-publications>

WCVA Policy Events Part 1: Public sector funding constraints – third sector funding Part 2: Making the Work Programme work in Wales

Tuesday 28 September

Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen

Tuesday 5 October

Morfa Hall, Rhyl

Wednesday 29 September

YMCA Conference Centre, Newport

Wednesday 6 October

The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells

The regional policy events are an opportunity for voluntary organisations to meet to address important policy matters. There are usually focus group sessions looking at specific statutory sector policies which impact on the voluntary sector. There may also be plenary sessions looking at policies of more general significance to the voluntary sector as a whole.

Find out more:

Tel: 0800 2888 329

E-mail: help@wcva.org.uk

Website:

http://www.wcva.org.uk/all/dsp_event_details.cfm?eventid=1494&display_sitetextid=110&display_sitedeptid=9

Cardiff Citizen Advice Services

Credit Action, the money charity, estimates that the number of adults afflicted by '*Money Sickness Syndrome*' has doubled since 2006. 87% of people have suffered from financial stress. More than one in 10 suffers from financial stress all the time. Over the past 12 months 63% of adults have felt their financial stress increase.

The '**Horizons**' programme run by Cardiff CAB is funded by Barclaycard and aims to improve the financial capability and inclusion of lone parents.

What Horizons offers:

- Individual appointments for lone parents with money worries
- Group workshops for parents on budgeting and debt awareness (groups do not need to be lone parents)
- Workshops on financial capability for front line workers

If you would like to make an individual referral, host a group session for parents or you think your frontline staff may benefit from a workshop.

Find out more:

Contact: Philippa John

Tel: 029 2034 7490

Email: philippa.john@cardiffcab.org

Better Health, Better Advice

Better Advice, Better Health is an opportunity through a partnership between Citizens Advice Cymru and the National Assembly, to provide local and co-ordinated provision of generalist and welfare rights advice by Citizens Advice Bureau in co-operation with Primary Health Care teams across Wales

Disability Benefits for Children

Do you care for a child aged 0-18 and want some help to renew disability benefits?

Has the need for care increased? Are you getting the correct money?

If so, Cardiff Citizens Advice Bureau is able to offer help. They can assist people to claim benefits such as Disability Living Allowance or Carers Allowance or check that they are getting the right amount of benefit.

Find out more:

Contact: Debbie Shanahan

Tel: 029 2034 7485

Email: debbie.shanahan@cardiffcab.org

Cardiff Gypsy & Traveller Project

A new home visiting service for Gypsies and Travellers from Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan is now available. Advice and support can be given at home to the elderly, people with health issues and carers. They can help with issues such as benefits, housing, repairs, education health and racial discrimination. Appointments are available on Mondays and Fridays only.

Find out more:

Tel: 029 2021 4411

E-mail: admincgtp@btconnect.com

Member Notices

Black History Month October 2010

Due to last year's success, the venue for this years Celebration will be on 30th October 2010 at the Wales Millennium Centre. The event will start at 12pm with entertainment, workshops, guest speakers, market stalls and more. Cardiff will once more, play host to all the regions of Wales. Activities will begin in September 2010 and will again be developed with the help of a Black History Month working group that will consist of individuals and interested parties from the voluntary and public sector supporting the workers and volunteers at BVNSW.

Find out more:

Tel: 029 2045 0068

E-mail: info@bvsnw.org.uk

Website: www.bvsnw.org.uk

LGBT Excellence Centre Wales

Gender Fluidity: Exploring gender diversity to raise awareness and inform. The LGBT Excellence Centre Wales, which is based in Swansea are undertaking a study about the meaning of gender and would like to hear opinions and stories from people of all backgrounds.

- Why women who wear trousers are not called cross-dressers?
- Why is it ok for a man to wear a kilt but not a skirt?
- Why can't boys cry? Why can girls hold hands?

Not many people ever question whether they are male or female but many people feel they fit somewhere in between or that their gender is fluid...

Find out more:

Contact:

Tel: 0800 023 2201

E-mail: gender@ecwales.org.uk www.ecwales.org.uk/gender

Call for Evidence

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is using its legal powers to conduct a formal inquiry into disability-related harassment. It is examining the experience of disabled people, and their family, friends and carers, in addition to considering whether those who have experienced harassment have been supported by public authorities. It is also asking organisations and public authorities to tell them how they are responding to disability-related harassment

The deadline for providing evidence is Friday 10th September 2010

Find out more:

Website: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/formal-inquiries/inquiry-into-disability-related-harassment/call-for-evidence>

The Shine Challenge 2011

The Health Foundation developed the Shine Challenge to help develop good ideas on how to improve healthcare become good practice. They want to help support examples of smart thinking that can improve the way healthcare is delivered. The Shine programme provides your team with the resources to develop and evaluate your idea. They are looking to invest up to £75,000 in each of up to 18 projects. Over 12 months, teams will be supported to put their approach into practice to gather evidence about its impact and effectiveness. They are looking for outside of the box thinking, for new ideas, not just the adoption of good practice that has been tried elsewhere. They want to see projects that go beyond the usual well-tried methods to improving efficiency, and instead use innovation to deliver better outcomes through different approaches to care.

You'll need a great innovative idea combined with the ability to pull together a team with experience in innovation, change management, measurement and self-evaluation. You will need to deliver results within the 12 month period of the project.

They welcome applications from teams from across the health service, including the voluntary sector. This year's challenge is to reduce the need for acute hospital care. So they are expecting applications to come from cross-sector project teams. For example, collaborations between primary, acute and / or community care.

Shine is now open for applications. The first stage of the process is to complete the online screening tool; this consists of a set of questions that checks the 'fit' of your idea against the scope and parameters of the scheme. Once the screening tool has been successfully completed, you can access the application form. The closing date for completed applications is 12 noon, Monday 4 October 2010.

Find out more:

Website: http://www.health.org.uk/current_work/open_for_applications/the_shine_challenge.html

Women Connect First - Job Vacancies

VOLUNTEERS COORDINATOR – 28 hrs/week -SALARY: £17,705 (Gross Pay)

OUTREACH RECRUITMENT OFFICER – 21hrs/week - SALARY: £13,275 (Gross Pay)

These posts are fixed term until May 2013.

The closing date is 5.00pm on Monday 6th September.

For more information and an application pack contact:

Tel: 029 2035 3154

Email: WCF@womenconnectfirst.fsnet.co.uk

Your chance to help shape the future of cycling in Cardiff!

Cardiff Council are working hard to change the way we travel, making it easier, quicker and more fun to travel more actively into and across the city. They are working with a company called Local Transport Projects Ltd to plan Cardiff's Cycling Network Plan for the future. Before they form the draft plans, they want to make sure that as many people as possible have had the chance to have their say.

For the first part of the Community Engagement Plan (a series of activities to ensure they have gathered as much public feedback as they can in order to help shape the decision making process) they have set up a very short online questionnaire to gain an initial insight into your opinions and ideas. Please click on the link to access the questionnaire <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JXP2WN6>.

There are going to be many other fun and exciting community engagement opportunities on the topic of cycling. They want non-cyclists, new cyclists and those recently back in the saddle to get involved. So, please fill out the questionnaire and let them know if you would like to join the Transport Policy mailing list to get involved and keep up to date on all things cycling in Cardiff.

Find out more:

Contact: Miss Sheena Aikman at Local Transport Projects Ltd

E-mail: info@local-transport-projects.co.uk

Funding & Awards

The Archer Trust

The Archer Trust prefers to support organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. They favour charities which make good use of volunteers. They support projects both in the UK and overseas, but for overseas projects only via UK charities which can ensure that funds are being well used. If you meet the following criteria, we may be able to help you:

- You are a small UK charity for whom a grant of between £250 and £3,000 will make a big difference.
- In one way or another, you provide aid or support to a defined group of needy or deserving people, for instance those with physical or mental disabilities or the disadvantaged.
- You are competently run and can support your application with up-to-date accounts.

Find out more:

Website: <http://www.archertrust.org.uk>

GlaxoSmithKline Impact Awards

The Impact Awards are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1.5 million. You do not need to present a new project. The awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work. The deadline for applications for the 2011 awards is 5.00pm on Friday 24th September 2010.

Find Out more:

Tel: 020 7307 2400

E-mail: enquiry@kingsfund.org.uk

Website: http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/current_projects/gsk_impact_awards

The Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme

Small grants can be applied for by registered charities working for the benefit of all older people or survivors of domestic abuse to improve their housing needs and address financial exclusion.

The Nationwide Foundation's Small Grants Programme makes grants every two months. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000.

The application process is very simple and they pride themselves on processing grants quickly.

Find our more:

Tel: 01793 657181

E-mail: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Website: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

VAC Training Courses

Grants - Fit for Funding

Date: Thursday 16th September 2010

Time: 10am - 4pm

Venue: VAC, 3rd Floor Shand House,
2 Fitzalan Place, Cardiff, CF24 0BE

Cost: A: free B: £20 C:£40 D:£80 E:£120

How to Attract, Select and Keep Volunteers

Date: Two day course – Tuesday 28th
September and Tuesday 5th October 2010

Time: 10am – 4pm

Venue: VAC, Ground Floor Brunel House,
2 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff, CF24 0EB

PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS

Cost: A: free B: £40 C:£80 D:£160 E:£240

Action Plan in a Day!

Date: Thursday 14th October 2010

Time: 10am - 3.30pm

Venue: STAR Centre, Splott Road, Splott,
Cardiff, CF24 2BZ

Cost: A: free + refundable deposit of £20*
B: £20

Negotiation Skills for Partnership Meetings

Date: Tuesday 19th October 2010

Time: 10am – 1pm

Venue: VAC, Ground Floor Brunel House,
2 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff, CF24 0EB

PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS

Cost: A: free B: £10 C:£20 D:£40 E:£60

Payment and Price Bands

Prices are given beside each course under the following price bands:

A VAC or another CVC Member Organisation – annual income below £20,000

B VAC or another CVC Member Organisation – annual income above £20,000

C VAC or another CVC Associate Member

D Other Voluntary Organisation (not a VAC or other CVC member)

E Statutory or Private Organisation

The new autumn training programme is now available on the VAC website. Booking forms are also available to download from the VAC website along with course information.

Find out more:

Contact: Deb Evans - VAC Training Officer

Tel: 029 2048 5722

E-mail: deb.e@vacardiff.org.uk

Website: www.vacardiff.org.uk

Other Training Courses

Voices for Change Cymru

Voices for Change Cymru is a WCVA project supported by the Big Lottery Fund. Its purpose is to help third sector organisations to make their voice heard effectively with local and national decision makers. They provide training courses to suit your level of understanding and expertise, whether you are just starting out or whether you already know a lot about engaging with Welsh political processes and structures. The types of courses they provide include:

- An introduction to Welsh politics
- Influencing the Assembly
- An introduction to campaigning

- An introduction to local government
- Creating legislation in Wales
- Advanced campaigning and lobbying

The Big Lottery Fund support means that the training services are provided either free or at the lowest possible price to cover venue and catering costs.

Fees: Starting from £10.00 for voluntary and community organisation operating in Wales

Find out more:

Tel: WCVA helpdesk 0800 2888 329

E-mail: vfcc@wcva.org.uk

Website: www.voicesforchange.org.uk

Breast Cancer Care “Train the trainer”: Breast health promotion”

Date: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October

Time: TBC

Venue: 14 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ

A free course designed for those working in the voluntary, community or health sector who would like to learn more about breast awareness. Our course provides you with the knowledge, skills and resources to deliver this crucial health message in the community. The course will help you to develop ways of delivering breast health information to groups and individuals. We will also provide access to breast health resources and provide follow up support. The course is primarily aimed at people working with:

- Older women
- Women from socially disadvantaged areas
- Women from black and minority ethnic communities.

Topics include:

- Factors that affect health
- How to look after breasts and be breast aware
- Unusual breast symptoms
- Explaining what to do if you find a breast change
- Barrier to breast awareness
- Breast screening
- Breast cancer risk

Find out more:

Contact: Laura Wilson

Tel: 029 2023 4079

E-mail: laura.wilson@breastcancercare.org.uk

Participation Cymru

Introduction to Facilitation

Date: 30th September 2010

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Venue: The Integrated Children’s Centre, Merthyr Tydfil

Prices:

WCVA Member £125 Voluntary organisations £155 Others £185 (prices are exclusive of VAT)

Find out more:

Tel: 029 2043 6596/029 2043 1725

E-mail: participationcymru@wcva.org.uk

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Committee Inquiry into the impact of Welsh Government policy on the accessibility of transport services for disabled people in Wales. The Committee aims to scrutinise the impact of Welsh Government policy and actions in relation to the accessibility of transport for disabled people in Wales.

Closing Date: 8th October 2010

Find Out more:

Website: http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-other-committees/bus-committees-third-eoc-home/bus-committees-third-eoc-inquiry/eoc3-inq_trans.htm

Community Care Direct Payments Scheme

Direct payments are payments made by local authorities directly to some individuals (including carers) who have assessed community care needs. The payments enable individuals to purchase their own care services. Direct payments thereby empower individuals and promote independence, choice and inclusion. This consultation is about the new draft regulations and guidance incorporating the extension of direct payments to people who lack capacity. It also involves changes to the list of people who cannot participate in a direct payments arrangement.

Closing Date: 10th December 2010

Find out more: <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/directpayments/?lang=en>

Consultation on Draft National Minimum Standards for Community Equipment Services Wales 2010

The provision of community equipment will often result in an individual being able to cope independently without the need for other services. The provision of community equipment also contributes to the education and development of children with disabilities. The National Minimum Standards have been developed to consolidate these improvements and contribute to safer more effective services by clarifying the responsibilities of providers, commissioners and clinicians.

Closing Date: 29th October 2010

Find out more:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/nmscommunityequipmentservices/?lang=en>

Care Standards Act 2000: The Adult Placement Scheme Regulatory and National Minimum Standards Framework

This consultation details proposed changes arising from the recommendations made to Welsh Ministers by the Adult Placement Task and Finish Group. Welsh Ministers remain committed to ensuring that the safeguarding of vulnerable people arrangements in the adult placement scheme regulatory and national minimum standards framework continues to be appropriate and robust.

Closing Date: 22nd November 2010

Find out more: <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/adultplacemementscheme/?lang=en>

Continuing NHS Healthcare - The National Framework for Implementation in Wales

The Minister for Health and Social Services, Edwina Hart, has issued guidance to Health Boards on Continuing NHS Healthcare in Wales. The Guidance contains a decision making tool which is to be used to assess an individuals eligibility to receive continuing healthcare funding. The National Framework will become operative from 16 August 2010. A copy is available to download from the Welsh Assembly Website.

Find out more: <http://new.wales.gov.uk/docs/dhss/publications/100614chcframeworken.pdf>

Planning ahead to meet dementia demands

Dementia services in Wales are to receive an extra £1.5 million a year to extend and develop provision, Health Minister Edwina Hart has announced. This will fund an additional dedicated dementia clinical

post in every older person's community mental health team across Wales, to provide advice and support to those diagnosed with dementia and also provide direct support to memory clinics, dementia training and awareness-raising for staff. This funding will support health and social services deliver the dementia action plan that was developed by a group of health professionals and experts, chaired by Ian Thomas, Director of the Alzheimer's Society in Wales. Mrs. Hart said "A significant amount of work has been undertaken in Wales to identify the action that is required to improve dementia services in Wales. "The additional financial investment that is being made, despite the current tight financial climate, demonstrates my commitment and that of the Welsh Assembly Government to improve dementia services in Wales."

REMEMBER, IT'S FREE TO JOIN THE NETWORK AND IT MEANS THAT YOUR ORGANISATION WILL BE KEPT 'IN THE LOOP' AND UP TO DATE

The Cardiff Health and Social Care Network has doubled in membership over the last 18 months. If you find the Network useful please tell colleagues in other voluntary organisations. We always welcome new members.

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