



Oxfordshire Health & Well Being Partnership

HWBP e-bulletin – April 2011

Website additions since last bulletin

The "published reports" section of the HWBP homepage provides a library of recent publications – the latest additions include:

GP Commissioning Powers and Duties guides

A draft document has been produced with national GP organisations outlining the new GP Consortia's powers and duties contained within the Health and Social Care Bill 2011. [This is the document highlighted by Dr Peter Von Eichstorff at the last HWBP Board meeting.]

Another document relating to the functions of GP Commissioning consortia has been published recently, which stress the shared agenda between GPs and Public Health in improving health and wellbeing and delivering effective health care.

[The Functions of GP Commissioning Consortia: A Working Document](#)

[A Shared Agenda in the New World](#)

HealthWatch Transition Plan

This plan published by the Department of Health highlights key issues for Local Involvement Networks (LINKs), their host organisations and local authorities during 2011-12, prior to the establishment of HealthWatch.

[HealthWatch Transition Plan and Appendix](#)

Building Your Community – Oxfordshire's new guide

This new guide offers advice on how to encourage everybody, especially those at risk of exclusion, to participate in community initiatives. It aims to ensure that community projects know how to find out more about who such 'vulnerable people' are and how they can be helped to join in and access local activities or facilities. This could be useful to anyone wishing to set up a Big Society type scheme to help people lead happier and more active lives, and fits well with the wider prevention agenda. Hard copies for onward distribution are available on request.

[Building Your Community: how to help everyone join in](#)



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Older People – better outcomes with less money

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation published a short report of lessons for policy and practice. It examines an old question made more critical in the current economic climate – how can the life experiences of older people be enhanced whilst at the same time achieving less demand for more costly health and social care services?

www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/authorities-supporting-older-people-summary.pdf

How to measure the impact of health improvement projects

This accessible guide has been produced for practitioners working for councils and public health organisations who have been given the task of evaluating the impact of a project or initiative. It takes one through the process of designing, implementing and disseminating an impact assessment and also provides information on the range of tools and help that is available.

[A guide to Measuring Impact in Health Improvement](#)

Training and events

Oxfordshire UNLIMITED – next meeting 09 May, 12.30pm in County Hall

An independent group of individuals all of whom have physical (including sensory) difficulties due to illness, accident, age or disease aim to make their voices heard in the right places to ensure people with disabilities have equality of opportunity and to remove or reduce the limits of employment, goods, facilities and services. Membership is free and open to individuals and groups in Oxfordshire. For further information contact:

t: 01865 862996 e: gwynneth@glpedler.f9.co.uk

OCVA event: Engaging with the new health structures – 19 April

This half-day event is designed to help voluntary and community sector organisations get to grips with the emerging new health structures in Oxfordshire. For more details visit the website below. To book a place contact:

[Engaging with the new health structures OCVA event](#) t: 01865 251946 e: admin@ocva.org.uk



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Margaret Drabble, Talking for Mind – 19 April

The prize-winning novelist, biographer and critic, Margaret Drabble, is being interviewed by Valentine Cunningham in The Old Library, Oxford Town Hall from 5.30 - 6.30pm. Tickets are £7/ £5 on the door with proceeds to Oxfordshire Mind.

www.oxfordshire-mind.org.uk/news-events/2011/03/drabble

Staying Ahead of the Game, Sports Partnership Forum – Wed 04 May

All partners are invited to the first Oxfordshire Sports Partnership Forum of 2011. Items on the day will include 2012 legacy, strategic commissioning and the opportunities available, Oxfordshire's sport and physical activity Public Health offer. See the flyer for more information and to book a place contact:

t: 01865 252676 e: zo'neill@oxford.gov.uk [Sports Partnership Forum flyer](#)

Other news

PCT Cluster Chief Executives Announced

The chief executive of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire PCT cluster will be Sonia Mills, who is currently Oxfordshire's chief executive. PCTs are due to be abolished on 31 March 2013 and the aim of clustering is to ensure PCTs continue to be resilient during the transition, as well as help secure the right conditions for the establishment of successful GP consortia, Health and Wellbeing Boards and future arrangements for public health.

[PCT cluster Chief Executives announced](#)

NHS in transition newsletter

The Strategic Health Authority (SHA) has published the second edition of its Transition Newsletter aimed at keeping you up-to-date about local progress on the reform of the NHS.

[Transition Newsletter Edition 2 April 2011](#)



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ORCC wins Local Involvement Network (LiNK) contract

The LiNK was set up in April 2008 succeeding the Patients' Forums (and the earlier Community Health Council) to advise and scrutinise services based on the experiences of local people receiving Health and Social Care. The contract with Help and Care of Bournemouth to 'Host' the LiNK expires on 30 April 2011 and the county council has appointed the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council as host for the period between 01 May 2011 and 31 March 2012. In April 2012 the LiNK will be replaced by a new body called "HealthWatch" with similar and additional functions, but somewhat different governance arrangements. For further information contact:

t: 01865 323606 e: lisa.gregory@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Public Health England

This open letter from the Transition Managing Director provides an update on progress in the development of Public Health England, which will oversee the transfer of public health functions to local authorities.

www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_125242.pdf

Healthy Lives, Healthy People: A Tobacco Control Plan for England

This plan sets out how tobacco control will be delivered in the context of the new public health system, focusing in particular on the action that the Government will take nationally over the next five years to drive down the prevalence of smoking and to support comprehensive tobacco control in local areas. The actions aim to reduce smoking rates faster in the next five years than has been achieved in the past five years.

[Tobacco Control Plan for England](#)

Mini-guides to Quality Accounts for LiNK and Scrutiny

Quality Accounts are annual reports to the public from providers of NHS healthcare services about the quality of their services. All providers whether they are NHS bodies, private or third sector organisations must publish an annual Quality Account. Their primary purpose is to encourage healthcare organisations to assess the quality of the services they offer, and to engage in the wider processes of continuous quality improvement. These short guides provide advice on how LiNK and Scrutiny can comment on accounts prior to publication. Providers must include these comments.

[LiNK Guide to Healthcare Quality Accounts](#)

[Scrutiny Guide to Healthcare Quality Accounts](#)



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List of projects receiving an OSCA grant

Twenty groups from around Oxfordshire were successful in their applications to the £220k Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Fund. Competition for grants was extremely high with applications amounting to almost £2million, meaning the Fund was nearly nine times subscribed. Details of the grants awarded are given in the attached document.

[Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Fund – successful projects](#)

Carers' services are changing

From 1 April, a new service will make it easier for more of Oxfordshire's 60,000 carers to access information and support. In partnership with Age UK Oxfordshire, "Carers Oxfordshire" will provide a telephone advice service covering a broad range of issues, including completing self-assessments. Face-to-face outreach will be provided by trained professionals for the most vulnerable carers who are not already receiving support through Adult Social Care. Please help spread the word about these changes and ensure that information or publications you are providing about carers services are up-to-date. For more information, including what is happening to the carers' centres in Didcot, Oxford and Banbury after 01 April, visit:

www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk t: 0845 050 7666

Job vacancy – Carers Support Manager (closing date 14 April)

Age UK Oxfordshire are currently recruiting for someone to work with the Deputy Chief Executive to provide inspiring leadership for the development and delivery of the new Carers' Support Service ensuring that contract targets are met. For details of the job and how to apply please visit:

www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/200053/carer-s-support-manager

Mental Health user-led Sports & Social Group – 'Re-energize'

Re-energize is a mental health user-run sports and social group based in Oxford that provides regular sports sessions throughout the week. Its activities are open to everyone who has had a mental health diagnosis and joining can help to battle isolation and loneliness. They also go out socially in the evenings and at weekends. There is no pressure to attend on a regular basis; people can come as much or as little as they like. See the attached flyers detailing their current activities and for more information contact:

t: 07792 849 261 or 07778 651 892

[Re-energize leaflet](#)

[Re-energize timetable](#)



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Transforming Adult Social Care (TASC) programme closed

After two-and-a-half years TASC has closed with much of the programme being handed over and becoming daily practice; however, a core team stays in place to continue developing and embedding personalisation in adult social care. Areas of focus for the coming year include:

- Information & Advice – continued improvements to information provision for adult social care
- Internal Home Support – continued support for the work on the proposed changes to Internal Home Support
- Self Directed Support – continued support to teams and individuals working with and using the self directed support process

To stay in touch with the follow-up work in Adult Social Care, please ask to be added to the circulation list for monthly updates by emailing:

TASC@oxfordshire.gov.uk

[Overview of achievements and lessons learnt since 2008](#)

Oxfordshire Dementia Information line

From 01 April the dedicated Oxfordshire helpline – **01993 700 061** – is open from 9am – 7pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 6pm on weekends and bank holidays. For more information see the attached leaflet or visit Oxfordshire's web based dementia information resource which is packed with practical help and advice:

www.dementiaweboxfordshire.org.uk

[Dementia Information leaflet](#)

Valuing People Now Employment resources

As part of 'Valuing People Now' employment work, new practical tools have been published to help Local Authorities support people with learning disabilities into work and invest in supported employment, which evidence suggests can save money for social care. Local authorities and NHS organisation should consider how these resources can be used locally to support people with learning disabilities.

[Employment resources for helping people with Learning Disabilities](#)

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