



# Oxfordshire Health & Well Being Partnership

## HWBP e-bulletin – May 2011

### Website additions since last bulletin

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

#### **HWBP e-bulletin**

At the request of some recipients, this monthly e-bulletin has now been turned into a web-page. This offers several benefits – for example, your in-boxes will no longer be overloaded with lengthy attachments, the information will be stored and readily retrievable without the need for filing, it will be easier to share the information with a wider range of colleagues.

[HWBP e-bulletin](#)

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### Training and events

#### **Oxfordshire Mind Spring Meeting – Thurs 19 May 2011**

Jim White – the prolific author, broadcaster and journalist – will be the guest speaker, talking about 'Mental Health and Sport' attend the forthcoming meeting of Oxfordshire Mind. It starts at 7pm and is being held in the Cowley Well Being Centre in Oxford. All are welcome to attend. For more information follow the link below:

[www.oxfordshire-mind.org.uk/news-events/2011/04/springmeeting](http://www.oxfordshire-mind.org.uk/news-events/2011/04/springmeeting)

email: [amy.wackett@oxfordshire-mind.org.uk](mailto:amy.wackett@oxfordshire-mind.org.uk)

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#### **The Workplace Cycle Challenge is back – Mon 09 to Sun 29 May 2011**

The Oxfordshire Cycle Challenge is a fun, free competition to encourage people to remember the joys and benefits of riding a bike. It's all about participation – which organisation or department can get the most members of staff cycling? Workplaces and community groups, along with their departments, will compete across six size categories to see who can get the most members of staff to ride a bike for at least 10 minutes. Participants can cycle wherever they feel comfortable and at any time – on an evening or at the weekend, to work or for leisure – and will log their rides on the challenge website. It's quick to register and easy to take part and there are lots of prizes to be won. For more information visit:

[Oxfordshire workplace cycle challenge](#)

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## Other news

### **New Oxfordshire GP Consortium website**

The Oxfordshire GP Consortium has launched a new website providing information on both the consortium and the six locality groups within it. It includes a time line for developing the consortium to become a statutory organisation, news items and information on how people can get involved in the consortium work. On 18 April it was announced that Dr Stephen Richards was elected to lead the GP Consortium – read more about it on the “news” section of the website.

The third edition of the Oxfordshire GP Consortium newsletter has been published.

[www.oxfordshiregpconsortium.nhs.uk](http://www.oxfordshiregpconsortium.nhs.uk)

[OGPC newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> edition – April 2011](#)

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### **Oxfordshire GP Consortium events in May and June**

A series of locality events are being held to give the public a chance to discuss GP commissioning developments in their area.

[Invite to GP locality events](#)

email [oxon.gpc@nhs.net](mailto:oxon.gpc@nhs.net)

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### **Review of national public health performance and spending**

This health briefing published by the Audit Commission shows that despite the health of the nation improving overall, health inequalities has proved a stubborn area to address. It found that proven ways of tackling problems were not consistently adopted and the impact of PCT and Local Authority actions has been highly variable. It concludes that there needs to be more ruthless targeting of money and services and close attention to outcomes, and agrees with the Marmot Review that health inequalities will remain until the inequalities in society are tackled.

[Healthy Balance Briefing](#)

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### **Healthy Living Resources boxes available**

Oxford Healthy Living Partnership has a set of resource boxes to lend to community groups and partners, so that they can run their own healthy eating sessions on smoothie making, healthy eating, and cooking skills. Community groups need to provide their own ingredients, but all other resources and instructions are included in the box. To find out more or arrange to borrow a box:

[Healthy Living resources](#)

t: 01865 717243

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## **Concessionary bus passes**

Oxfordshire County Council has taken over responsibility (from district and city councils) for concessionary bus fares for elderly and disabled people. OCC has produced a briefing document for organisations working with these groups to explain their new role in issuing bus passes.

[Concessionary bus pass information](#)

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## **Annual health Checks for people with learning disabilities**

All but three GP surgeries in Oxfordshire have now completed the required training and can offer annual health checks for people with learning disabilities. An easy-read flyer has been designed to promote these annual health checks, which are designed to ensure better everyday health for people with learning disabilities. Initial evaluation suggests these may potentially save money on health services by catching illness and disease in early stages. If someone with a learning disability is refused an annual health check, please contact Oxfordshire PCT Patient and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 052 6088 or email [pals@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk)

[Annual Health Checks flyer](#)

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## **Health and Social Care Partnership in the South East**

The Department of Health's office in the South East have launched a Health and Social Care Partnership to address the new agenda challenges by bringing together partners from existing and emerging health organisations with adult social care, public health and other local authority responsibilities. It aims to spread learning and good practice, and share knowledge and expertise, to support locality-led partnerships in securing positive change in the Department of Health's priority areas. Eddy McDowall from Oxfordshire is the joint lead contact for its Health and Wellbeing workstream.

[Covering letter](#)

[HSC Partnership SE flyer](#)

[eddy.mcdowall@hscpartnership.org.uk](mailto:eddy.mcdowall@hscpartnership.org.uk)

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## **LINK 'Have a Say Fund' winners announced**

Oxfordshire LINK have awarded 12 grants to local organisations and groups to assist in their engagement with service users, carers and the public. Successful groups include a local hospice, Oxfordshire Family Support Network, and Oxfordshire Crisis House Project. Use the link below to see the full list of award recipients.

[Have A Say Fund](#)

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## Oxfordshire LINK – change of host

Following a tendering process that took place during the early part of the year, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council has from 01 May 2011 taken over the host role for Oxfordshire LINK. This contract will run until the new 'HealthWatch' arrangements are introduced in 2012. The LINK office base will be moving from Witney to Jericho Farm Barns, near Cassington. For more information read the LINK newsletter available at:

[LINK Newsletter – Spring 2011](#)

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