

MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY NETWORK

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Get involved

Volunteers needed to join workstream teams

To steer the MH, D&A network work streams, the majority of Director Leads have now been agreed. Please review the list below and add yourself to a work stream by contacting the lead and cc'ing elizabeth.murray@hants.gov.uk.

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Local Authority Survey for the ADASS MH,D&A policy network – please review

We constantly strive to be as representative as possible of our member's views and are planning to send a survey out later in the autumn to all DASS' via our communications bulletin and directly to LAs. We are aiming to understand where our members stand on issues and initiatives such as DOLS, Direct Payments, Personalisation, Partnership arrangements and so on. **Can you please review the attached draft questions** (which will eventually be sent out using professional survey tools) and add send any comments back to Elizabeth.murray@hants.gov.uk.



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Other news and information

Refreshed ADASS website

To get a sneak preview of the ADASS website, MH,D&A policy network pages, before its official unveiling at the Liverpool Conference, click on this [link](#). Future issues of the bulletin will try to include links to documents which will be hosted on

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the website. In time we hope to extract all previous attachments (including the very popular presentations) and make these easily searchable on the website.

Draft Mental Health Contract – responses to the DoH

ADASS MH,D&A policy network, the NHS Confederation and the PCT Network have all responded to the Draft Mental Health contract. Mark Jordan from the MH,D&A policy network helped draft [ADASS' feedback to the Draft Mental Health Contract](#). Use these links for the [Foundation Trust Network and NHS Confederation's feedback](#) and the [PCT Network's response](#).

The Mental Capacity Act: NHS Confederation releases briefing paper

In September 2008, The NHS Confederation released a paper on Implementing the Mental Health Act 2007 ' what boards needs to do' The [briefing paper](#) outlines the key points of the new legislation and sets out what trust boards need to do to implement it and the timescales for doing so.

Update on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Click here to read the latest [DOLS update](#) from Greg Slay.

Regards

Jenny Goodall, Richard Webb & Lucy Butler