

## MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY NETWORK

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### BULLETIN 16 – 15 January 09

### Get involved

#### Request for peer review: ADASS Response to Mental Capacity Act DOLS Public Consultation

There is also the submission deadline for the latest MCA DOLS public consultation on 30th January.

Greg Slay, the ADASS MCA lead, has developed a [draft response](#) on behalf of the network to the [DH Consultation on Monitoring and Reporting](#). Please could members review and send comments back to Greg by 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009, please circulate to anyone else who may need to see it. It is in draft format and attached to the email that this bulletin was sent in.

#### Request for peer review: DOLS Inter-Authority Protocol

Attached is the most recently updated [draft DOLS Inter-Authority Protocol](#) that Greg Slay has also been developing. It will be subject to a wider consultation which is being determined at present. Please send your comments back to [Greg.Slay@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Greg.Slay@westsussex.gov.uk) by 30th January 2009.

#### Request for member representation at a meeting:

Mental Health Network General Meeting

Bookings are now open for the next general network meeting on Thursday 19 February 2009.

The meeting will take place from 11am - 2.30pm at BMA House, London, WC1H 9JO.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Sue Turner, Director, Time To Change discussing the latest development with the anti- stigma campaign.
- Netta Hollings, Programme Manager - Community and Mental Health, NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care, discussing the information review and data quality.

A formal agenda will be released shortly. Click here <<http://www.nhsconfed.org/mental-health/mental-health-4264.cfm>> for the meeting website.

If you would like to book your place now please contact [Elizabeth.murray@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.murray@hants.gov.uk).

#### Invitation to join national Pilot Programme:

Safe and appropriate care for young people on adult wards

Some of you or your colleagues may be interested to participate in the NIMHE/RCPsych pilot programme for safe and appropriate care for young people on adult wards.

[Details of how to become part of the pilot](#)

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## Member involvement in national groups

### Mental Health Future Visions

Rebecca Harrington, Camden Council & PCT is representing ADASS at the Future Visions Coalition - she attended a meeting on 12th January in London. Here are the key points:

- The DH are setting up a Programme board to manage the New Horizons into a consultation document to go out in July 2009, with a view to a launch of the final document in October in World MH week.
- Representation on the DH Programme Board - we agreed that at the first meeting of the DH group, the coalition would be represented by Rebecca Harrington for ADASS, Paul Jenkins of Rethink and Steve Shrubbs of the Confed. We also agreed that we would reassess this arrangement after the first meeting, once we have a better idea of the structure of the DH's work programme, the sub groups to be set up, and where we can best add expertise. ADASS will be seeking specific representation, as well as contributing to the Coalition input.
- A number of concerns were raised, and will be communicated to DH - the main themes were the importance of cross government involvement, meaningful service user engagement and transition arrangements.

Timescale of the final report

- The coalition agreed to progress with production of a final report with a view to publishing in April. There will be a discussion about process at the next meeting, so any comments from ADASS should be with me by February 2nd for the meeting on 3rd.

## Other news and information

### Reminder: Payment By Results - deadline for feedback on position paper

[Bulletin 15](#) included a request to members to provide Jonathan Phillips (network workstream lead for Commissioning and Resources) feedback and comments on his paper on PBR for mental health. Please could members contact [jonathan.phillips@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.phillips@calderdale.gov.uk) with any comments by this Friday 16th January 2009.

Conference Invitation: Service User Involvement and Empowerment in Mental Health: Part of the Mental Health 2009 Conference Series

Thursday 12 February 2009, 4 Hamilton Place, London

[Click here for more information.](#)

### Next ADASS MH, D&A Policy Network Regular Business Meeting

Will be held next Thursday, 22 January between 12.30 - 2.30pm at the Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London. Email [Elizabeth.murray@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.murray@hants.gov.uk) for more information.

*Regards*

Jenny Goodall, Richard Webb & Lucy Butler