

MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY NETWORK

BULLETIN 17 – 4 February 09

Get involved

Raise the profile of regional best practice

Please could all members who belong to a regional group forward any materials that they think other members may be interested in (best practice, minutes, work plans) to paula.hallam@hants.gov.uk.

Other news and information

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) resource concerns – ADASS/DH offers help to Local Authorities

ADASS MH, D&A network has worked with the DH to offer any local authority who have concerns over the resources available for the implementation of DOLS. Please could all members read the [letter](#) and respond accordingly.

Conference: Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards– London 5 March 2009 – 15% discount

Paul Gantley (see above for advice to ADASS members) is the keynote speaker at two of the three of this [conference series](#) being held in March, April and May. The ADASS lead for the MCA, Greg Slay is also speaking at the event – mentioning Greg's name will earn a 15% discount on the entrance fee.

Maternity cover – MH, D&A network support

Liz Murray, who supports this network (bulletins, events, consultations, meetings etc) will be on maternity leave as of 06 Feb. Please contact paula.hallam@hants.gov.uk who will be covering for Liz during this period. Paula has a wealth of mental health experience to bring to the network and is looking forward to supporting the network as it develops and grows.

Mental Capacity Act – John Dixon presentation

John Dixon, President of ADASS, was one of the keynote speakers at the MCA Conference in December 2008. His [presentation](#) along with a report by ADASS' own Greg Slay (the ADASS MCA lead), can be found on the [SCIE website](#).

ADASS MHDA Mental Health Survey

In order to gather a more detailed understanding of member's key issues and progress against certain government initiatives and to assist planning the work of the network for the coming year ahead, the MHDA policy network has completed a [draft survey](#) to send out to all ADASS members. This will get sent in March 2009.

MH, D&A Regular Business Meeting – [minutes from 22 January 2009](#), London

Regards Jenny Goodall, Richard Webb & Lucy Butler