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Women's Mental Health and Well Being

Essex County Council is organising a half day conference on ***Women's Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System***. There will be an overview of the Bradley and Corston reports, a regional perspective and a view from the South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, followed by the opportunity to participate in a discussion. The conference is taking place on **Friday 23rd April 2010 from 9:30am to 1pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall Chelmsford.**

To reserve a place, please contact Jane Richardson on telephone: 01277 312905 or email: jane.richardson2@essex.gov.uk

VTE (Blood clots) Patient Information Leaflet – March 2010

The Eastern Development Centre is currently undertaking a high priority project in the East of England to reduce the number of blood clots in hospitals. It is estimated that up to 25,000 people a year die of blood clots in hospital in England yet there is a safe, efficient way to prevent these. As part of the project, they are developing a standard version of patient information leaflet on blood clots for the East of England. The Eastern Development Centre is looking to recruit 6 people (patients and/or carers) to attend a focus group to provide feedback on a hospital patient information leaflet on blood clots.

If you are a patient and/or carer and interested in becoming involved, please contact Donna Gilmour on 01206 287 577/0776 642 1671 or email: donna.gilmour@easterndc.org.uk

Social Care Seminar series 2010

At this seminar *Jan Lockyer, Dignity lead at Essex County Council* will share information on how Essex County Council has responded to the dignity challenge.

Join us for a light lunch and learn about Dignity on **19th April 2010, 13:00-15:00, St. Cedds Hall, Chapter House, Chelmsford, CM1 1TY**

To reserve a place please contact Charlene Gordon at email: charlene.gordon@essexandsouthendlink.org.uk or telephone: 01245 490 733

Hearing Voices

Dr Ellie Sorrell, Clinical Psychologist at North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, has published her paper about hearing voices (known as auditory hallucinations). Dr Sorrell said: "Our main finding was that the qualities of the relationships that people form with their voices have a major bearing on how distressed by the experiences (or not) they are. The findings provide further evidence to support the assertion that it is not the voice hearing experience as such, that cause distress, but the interpretations that are placed upon it."

A link to Dr Sorrell's paper:

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=7231632>. For more information, please

contact Ian C Thorpe on 01245 546446 or 07896 922 355.
Email: ian.thorpe@nepft.nhs.uk

Recruitment

Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services is recruiting staff for Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Support and Children's Centre. For more information about the jobs see the attached flyer. If would like to speak to a member of staff in more detail about positions available, please contact CAVS on 01268 638416 or email office@cavscastlepoint.org.uk. Full job descriptions and application form will be available on our website: www.cavscastlepoint.org.uk.

GRANTfinder Newsflashes

Launch of the 2010 Mary Seacole Leadership and Development Awards- Nurses, midwives and health visitors are invited to apply for awards which honour Mary Seacole's name and acknowledge her achievements. Proposed projects or activities should be designed to benefit the health needs of people from black and minority ethnic communities. The 2010 deadline for receipt of applications is 25 May 2010. More information is available at <http://www.rcm.org.uk/>

vcashpoint - Rounds 8 and 9 Now Open to Applications - vcashpoint is seeking to provide funding for small volunteer-led projects in England that are inspired by the 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games. The deadlines for applications to Rounds 8 and 9 are 10 May 2010 (12 noon) and 6 September 2010 (12 noon). More information is available at <http://vinspired.com/>

Curry Night

A fundraising event for World Mental Health Day 2010 on Thursday 13th May 2010 from 8.00pm till 11.30pm at the New Tandoori Parlour, 61-63 Hart Road, Thundersley, Essex. To book your place contact Mark Dale on 07727924130 or email: markdale101@hotmail.co.uk. £5 deposit to secure your place

Summary of Concerns for Trusts with Conditions

Please see the documents attached for a summary of the 10 trusts with conditions announced on 1st April 2010.

Summaries for trusts with conditions announced previously can be found on the CQC website at

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Batch2summaryOfConditionsFINAL.doc> and

http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Batch_1_summary_of_conditions_FINAL.doc

Also attached is a document outlining new enforcement powers, the level of inspection in the NHS, how CQC will use intelligence and how CQC will incorporate the views of patients?

Developing renal dialysis services for people in the east of England

Please find attached the summary of the outcome of the East of England Specialised Commissioning Group public consultation *Developing Renal Dialysis Services for People in the East of England*. This document contains an outline of the decision made by the East of England Specialised Commissioning Group (SCG) Board and a summary of the responses to the consultation received.

Gastro-Intestinal Cancer Support Group

Specialist nurses at Colchester General Hospital have helped set up a new support group for people affected by gastro-intestinal cancer. The Gastro-Intestinal Cancers

Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month in Training Rooms South at Colchester General Hospital, beginning at 6.30pm. The next meeting is on Thursday 15 April, parking is free and refreshments are provided. It is for people – patients, partners, friends, caregivers and family members – affected by gastro-intestinal cancers, which are oesophageal, stomach, pancreas and colorectal. The Gastro-Intestinal Cancers Support Group has received funding from the charity Macmillan Cancer Support. For more information about the Gastro-Intestinal Cancers Support Group, contact Janet Brazier. Tel 07966 187240; email semicolon@hotmail.co.uk