

Mental Health Day Services E-Bulletin November/December 2007

- **WHAT DOES A SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE DAY SERVICE LOOK LIKE?**

To help people answer this question the National Social Inclusion Programme (NSIP) has developed a set of guidelines, including indicators and questions, for identifying good socially inclusive practice in day services.

Whilst not intended to be comprehensive these guidelines do enable providers to consider their service in the light of objective criteria, and plan developments accordingly.

The guidelines can be downloaded from:

http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/work_areas/index.php?subid=96#section005

- **SUPPORT FOR DAY SERVICES MODERNISATION**

Amongst the findings of the forthcoming Day Services Review 'From Segregation to Inclusion: Where are we now?', to be published in January, is that there is a significant need for support for those going through the difficult process of day services modernisation.

The National Social Inclusion Programme would like to help facilitate this by putting people in touch with support that is relevant to them. To enable this we are looking to further develop our networks and would like to hear from:

- Services who have benefited from high quality training or team facilitation over issues of day services modernisation
- Services which are well progressed in modernising who would be happy to host visitors from, or go to visit, services to talk about their experiences. We would particularly like to hear from people using services who would be interested in doing this.

Please contact ben.taylor@londondevelopmentcentre.org with details if you can help.

- **ONLINE DAY SERVICES FORUM**

Several people have joined the discussion about re-naming 'day services' on the NSIP website, which was highlighted in the last e-bulletin. Do you want to join the debate? Or is there another day services discussion you'd like to start?

This e-bulletin goes out to 580 people involved in mental health day services, so take advantage of the expertise out there and log on to the Forum at:

<http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/forum/index.php>

- **DAY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE NETWORK**

This network will link day services who are involved in creating opportunities for people with mental health needs by engaging with community resources in creative and innovative ways and who have formed enterprising partnerships with community organisations. Network members will be able to liaise together and share effective approaches to undertaking this work. The network will be going live on a private section of the NSIP website in the New Year.

Over 70 day service providers have expressed an interest in the network and been sent further information, including a registration information sheet. If you have not yet returned the information sheet, please could you do so by Thursday 20th December to: antonia.furmston@londondevelopmentcentre.org
If you have not yet registered an interest and would like to be involved in the network, please contact: ben.taylor@londondevelopmentcentre.org

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