

Mental Health Day Services E-Bulletin May 2008

- **DAY SERVICES MODERNISATION CONFERENCE – FRIDAY 27th JUNE**

DON'T MISS OUT! The deadline to get the early bird price for the 'Better Lives, Better Futures' day services modernisation conference is 16th May.

The conference will take place in London and feature some excellent speakers and workshops. There will be a focus on user involvement and user-run day services, alongside other topics including:

- Not leaving people behind
- Getting the balance right between day and employment services
- Bringing the community in – opening doors to the general public

It also promises to be a great opportunity to network and share ideas and experiences with others involved in modernising mental health day services.

The conference programme and booking form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.pavpub.com/pavpub/conferences/showfull.asp?Conference=699>

- **MEASURING SERVICE USER INVOLVEMENT**

Are you aware of a self-assessment tool to show where services are regarding service user involvement (from consultation through to user-run services)? Have you tried to make an assessment of this sort using the day services modernisation benchmarking tool? (available to download at:

<http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/publications/Benchmarkingtool.pdf>)

If so, please get in touch at ben.taylor@londondevelopmentcentre.org to share your experiences of this.

- **APPROACHES TO DAY SERVICES DILEMMAS**

1. Day services are increasingly seeking to facilitate social inclusion and people moving on from those services. Among the issues this raises is how to encourage 'discharge' from the service when people are ready for this, particularly when involvement is without time limit and people may have become quite comfortable within the service.

2. Particularly in urban areas with several services serving overlapping geographical areas, one individual may be accessing several day services. What needs to be done to ensure they receive a joined up service which meets their needs?

If you have developed approaches to dealing with these issues which you think may be of interest to others, please e-mail ben.taylor@londondevelopmentcentre.org with details.

- **ACCESSING PAST AND FUTURE E-BULLETINS**

Don't forget that all previous mental health day services e-bulletins (dating back to June 2007) can be accessed through the National Social Inclusion Programme website. Just go to:

http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/work_areas/index.php?subid=96#section004

If you receive the bulletins through someone else and would like to receive them directly, or if you know someone who would be interested in being added to the mailing list, please send details to ben.taylor@londondevelopmentcentre.org

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