

Mental Health Day Services E-Bulletin

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- **DAY SERVICES OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK LAUNCHED**

Are you a commissioner looking to evaluate day services in terms of the difference they make in people's lives?

Are you a provider wanting to demonstrate the value and effectiveness of the work you do?

The National Social Inclusion Programme has developed an outcomes framework for mental health day services to help you. The framework incorporates intended outcomes and outcome indicators alongside guidance notes and details of outcome measurement tools.

Download the framework from:

<http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/home/index.php?subid=50#whatsnew31>

- **INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY FOR PARENTS**

Parents with dependent children are often under-represented in mental health day services, and may have particular concerns and needs. However, there are things you can do to meet these needs and make your service more accessible.

The Care Services Improvement Partnership (North West), Liverpool Mental Health Consortium and Barnardo's have produced a sheet of tips for ensuring that mental health day services are relevant to parents. It can be downloaded from http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/publications/handy_hints.pdf

- **IF NOT 'DAY SERVICES', THEN WHAT?**

The term 'day services' can feel quite unhelpful, with its connotations of traditional service models, and inaccurate, particularly for those services operating in the evenings. But what is the right alternative?

If you've renamed your day service and think you've hit on a really appropriate descriptor or just want to join the debate, contribute to the discussion on the NSIP day services forum:

<http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/forum/viewforum.php?f=18>

- **E-BULLETINS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

If you've only recently started receiving these day services e-bulletins or have deleted an item you'd like to revisit, help is at hand. Previous e-bulletins, dating from June 2007, are now available on the NSIP website at:

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

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