

Mental Health Day Services E-Bulletin

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- **LAUNCH OF NATIONAL DAY SERVICES MODERNISATION NETWORK**

The National Social Inclusion Programme (NSIP) is pleased to announce the launch of a National Mental Health Day Services Modernisation Network. The network is a collaboration between NSIP, Mind, Rethink and Richmond Fellowship and is aimed at Senior Managers in provider and commissioning organisations.

Its purpose is to provide support and resources to those involved in modernising day services in order to increase the effectiveness of the modernisation process and the resulting services through:

- The discussion of common issues and challenges in relation to day services modernisation, and ways of addressing these;
- The sharing of good practice in day services modernisation and the delivery of modernised day services;
- The discussion and dissemination of resources which may assist with modernisation or service delivery;
- Connecting people who can mutually support and learn from each other.

This will be achieved by quarterly Network meetings focusing on important day service modernisation issues. The first meeting is due to be held on Thursday 22nd January from 11am–3pm in London and will focus on where day services modernisation has got to and taking service users through the modernisation process.

If you are a Senior Manager with responsibility for Day Services Modernisation and would like to book a place at the meeting, contact Nick Bowles at nick.bowles@richmondfellowship.org.uk. Please be aware that places are very limited.

- **DAY SERVICES CHANGE BOOKLET FOR SERVICE USERS**

‘How will my newly redesigned day service help me?’ a booklet for people using mental health day services which are facing or undergoing change or modernisation, produced by NSIP is now available and copies are going fast.

The booklet is accessible and eye-catching and includes sections on:

- What’s happening to my day service and why?
- What changes can I expect?
- How can this ‘new service’ help me?
- Are the rumours true?

- How can I get involved?

To order your free copies, please e-mail marco.carrera@londondevelopmentcentre.org stating how many copies you would like (up to a maximum of 150).

- **TOOLS TO MEASURE INCLUSIVE PRACTICE**

Following the publication of Capabilities for Inclusive Practice by the Department of Health in 2007, the National Social Inclusion Programme commissioned a tool to measure socially inclusive practice from South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. At the same time Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust decided to develop a tool too. The two resulting assessments are complementary as the former focuses on the individual practitioner and the latter on team practice.

Both tools, which offer a useful framework for evaluating the inclusiveness of staff and team practice, are available to download from:

<http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/home/index.php?subid=50#whatsnew53>

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