

Mental Health Day Services E-Bulletin

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- **RE-COMMISSIONING DAY AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES GUIDE LAUNCHED**

'About Time - Commissioning to transform day and vocational services' is a practical new toolkit to help those involved in commissioning mental health day and employment services published by the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health.

Launched on 12th June 2008, About Time recognises the key role commissioners have in ensuring that necessary changes are made to day and vocational services and provides detailed guidance to assist them in this task.

It is the first step-by-step guide to re-commissioning day and vocational services and includes:

- How to review the services commissioners are currently paying for
- How to construct a vision of what new services might look like.
- How to develop a range of personalised services that will help people fulfil their hopes and ambitions.

About Time is based on the real experiences of commissioners in Southern England who have recently re-designed their services.

It costs £25 and can be ordered from the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health website: http://www.scmh.org.uk/publications/about_time.aspx?ID=580

- **QUOTES FROM SERVICE USERS**

The National Social Inclusion Programme are planning to publish a leaflet for people using mental health day services which are facing or going through a review or restructuring process. It will include a range of case studies to illustrate some of the ways in which day services can change and help people imagine what the changed day service might look like.

We are keen to include quotes from people who use mental health day services which have been through a change process and are now being delivered to a new model about their experiences of both the process and the modernised service.

If you have quotes, for example from an internal review or evaluation, which could be used in the leaflet, please could you forward them to:

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

Less than 2 weeks to go, but there is still time to book a place at the 'Better Lives, Better Futures' day services modernisation conference.

Have a look at the programme for the day by clicking on the link below. Issues that will be covered include user involvement in re-commissioning, opening day services to the general public, direct payments and working with those furthest from social inclusion. It also promises to be a great networking opportunity.

The conference programme and booking form can be downloaded from:

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

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