

## Mental Health Day Services E-Bulletin March 2009

- **NATIONAL DAY SERVICES MODERNISATION NETWORK**

Following a very successful first event, Network meeting dates, venues and topics for the coming year have now been set and are as follows:

6 <sup>th</sup> May 09	Birmingham	'Day Services and Personalisation'
13 <sup>th</sup> August 09	Bristol	'User-run Day Services'
12 <sup>th</sup> November 09	London	'Changing Roles of Staff'
10 <sup>th</sup> February 10	Manchester	'Day Services and Partnership Working'

Due to the very high demand for places at the first network meeting, the following criteria will be applied to allocate places:

1. No more than one person from an organisation (excluding the sponsoring organisations)
2. Three places will be allocated to each of the sponsoring organisations, one place to a paid service user representative, nine places to voluntary sector providers, three places to commissioners and two places to statutory sector providers
3. Within each category of allocated places, allocation will be on a first come first served basis following promotion in the Mental Health Day Services E-Bulletin

We are currently only taking bookings for the May meeting. If you would like a place, please e-mail [nick.bowles@richmondfellowship.org.uk](mailto:nick.bowles@richmondfellowship.org.uk) as soon as possible.

- **NATIONAL SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMME – VISION AND PROGRESS**

The National Social Inclusion Programme published its 'Vision and Progress' report on 12<sup>th</sup> March, setting out the programme's achievements since the Social Exclusion Unit's 2004 publication 'Mental Health and Social Exclusion'.

The report reviews the progress made over the last four years at national, regional and local level across the statutory and non-statutory sectors in promoting the social inclusion agenda for people with mental health problems. It also provides an assessment of the remaining and continuing challenges that need to be addressed for improved outcomes for people with mental health problems.

The report can be downloaded from [www.socialinclusion.org.uk](http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk)

With NSIP finishing on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, work on many of these ongoing challenges will continue at the newly formed Inclusion Institute at the University of Central Lancashire's International School for Communities, Rights and Inclusion. More details about this work will follow in future e-bulletins.

- **TRANSFER OF DAY SERVICES E-BULLETIN MAILING LIST**

With the National Social Inclusion Programme ending in its current form at the end of March, the Day Services E-Bulletin mailing list will be transferring to the Inclusion Institute (see above). Ben Taylor, who is also transferring and will be National Day Services Lead at the Institute, will continue to provide monthly bulletins.

If you would like to continue receiving information relevant to mental health day services, you don't need to do anything. If you are not happy for your details to be passed on, please e-mail [ben.taylor@londondevelopmentcentre.org](mailto:ben.taylor@londondevelopmentcentre.org) before the end of March.