

Camden Health Inequalities Forum Bulletin

The Camden Health Inequalities Forum (HIF) is run as a partnership between the voluntary and community sector, NHS Camden and L.B. Camden to contribute to tackling health inequalities and reducing the gap in morbidity (disease) and mortality for residents.

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Previous Health Inequalities Bulletins are available on the website

Royal Free Hospital's Disability Charter.

The Royal Free Hospital welcomes comments/suggestions on how they could improve their Disability Charter, as laid out below.

Charter for patients with a disability

We will actively seek out the opinions of disabled patients and ensure they are considered when planning, developing or reviewing services.

We will improve both the access to and quality of the information the Trust provides for disabled patients.

We will challenge discrimination of disabled staff and patients.

We will ensure our recruitment practices are fair and objective.

We will promote positive attitudes towards disabled people through training.

We will monitor the needs and experiences of disabled patients and in turn will ensure that Trust facilities meet these needs.

We will identify and eliminate barriers that prevent access to services and employment opportunities.

Examples of a general or specific nature would be much appreciated. You may also have views on how they could improve the experience of patients or visitors with a disability.

The Disability Charter sets out the standards of service delivery that patients and service users can expect to receive at the Royal Free Hospital. It will be displayed in key patient areas. This project is part of the trust's wider programme of work to enhance equal opportunities for disabled patients and staff. Deadline for responses is Friday 27th August.

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Health Campaigns - August

1 st -7 th	WABA World Breastfeeding Week
2 nd -5 th	Cancer and Palliative Care Awareness 2010 (Walsall)
4 th	Play Day - "Make Time"
12 th	International Youth Day
23 rd -29 th	Gut Week

Health Promotion Resources Service

Health Promotion Resources Service provides information and resources to support health promotion work within Camden and Haringey. Resources available include leaflets, posters, DVDs, models and training packs. This is a *free* service. The service is available to those working to improve health in Camden and Haringey including:

- NHS Camden and NHS Haringey staff
- Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust employees based in Camden
- Other local NHS trusts (e.g, Royal Free Hospital, UCLH, Great Ormond Street Hospital)
- Local government employees
- Local voluntary sector organisations

Camden residents who would like health information should phone NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or visit the NHS Choices website www.nhs.uk

Ordering leaflets and posters

The Service provides leaflet and poster titles on topics such as sexual health, mental health and smoking. These have been evaluated with the help of local health professionals where possible.

Department of Health resources

The Service also supplies some key Department of Health resources.

Ordering DVDs, models and teaching packs

There is a selection of health promotion training materials available to borrow. All items can be borrowed free of charge.

Contact 020 3317 3739 or email: library@camdenpct.nhs.uk with your request. To register to borrow resources please download a registration form, and return it to us.

Health Promotion Resources Service is based in the library at St Pancras Hospital, Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm. Tel. 020 3317 3739. Fax: 020 3317 3770. Email: library@camdenpct.nhs.uk

FREE Equality Act 2010 guide

The Equality and Diversity Forum in partnership with the GEO have produced a guide for voluntary and community sector service providers on the Equality Act 2010. If you would like free hardcopies of this please email info@edf.org.uk. For other guides visit www.equalities.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=1631

Deaf people's mental wellbeing put at risk by lack of services

The results from the GP Patient Survey just released show that Deaf people are the most discriminated against and most deprived in the country. Crucially the mental wellbeing of the Deaf Community is far worse than the national average with 10% of Deaf people having a Psychological or Emotional Condition, compared to 6%. For the full press release from The British Society for Mental Health and Deafness (BSMHD) click here.

Women's Therapy Centre taster sessions

Women's Therapy Centre provides information and taster sessions on mental health and psychotherapy to the refugee organisations. It is a free service, in a place of your choice. If you are interested to arrange a session for your clients (women only) or staff please contact Seda Sengun at s.sengun@womenstherapycentre.co.uk or on 020 7263 7860.

Is there any trustee in your organisation interested in attending the FREE "Better Governance Training Programme"?

- Evening sessions start Tuesday 14th Sept, 5 to 9pm
- Day time sessions start on Tuesday 9th Nov, 10am to 4pm

Trustees will increase awareness of their legal obligations, improve their understanding of governance, leadership, partnership & finances and develop further their skills to give direction to their organisations more effectively. The programme consists of five sessions (four and a half days) split over a period of 3

months. You can attend only day or evening sessions, or a combination of both. More than one trustee from an organisation can enrol.

Round/session	Governance in regards to Operations Management	Legal Duties of Trustees	Partnership working	Leadership & Strategic Planning	Financial Management
Autumn Evening time 5.30 – 9.00	Tuesday 14 Sep/10 (5:15-9)	Tuesday 28 Sep/10	Tuesday 11 Oct/10 (5.30-8)	Tuesday 2 Nov/10	Thursday 18 Nov/10
Winter Day time 10.00 – 4.00	Tuesday 9 Nov/10 9.45-4.00	Wednesday 24 Nov/10	Thursday 9 Dec/10 10.00-1.00	Tuesday 18 Jan/11	Thursday 3 Feb/11

To book just fill in the attached booking form and send it to Patricia Garcia- VAC with a deposit of £30 making cheque payable to Voluntary Action Camden: 293-299 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 2TJ. The deposit is to secure attendance and will be reimbursed four weeks after you complete the last training session.

Accredited training Opportunity

At the end of the above training programme we allocate 10 bursaries for trustees to attend the accredited course “Introduction to Teaching and Learning” runs by an Adult Education College so if you are interested in this course you may be considered for the bursary. This is a full three days course (10am to 5pm) which usually runs in February each year.

Becoming a trainer

If you attend the accredited training course you may be given the opportunity to co-train with VAC’s trainers and develop skills to become a trainer for community groups. Attached:

- Booking form
- Outline of the sessions

For more info please contact Patricia Garcia on 020 7284 6568 or pgarcia@vac.org.uk

One to one support

The programme also offers free one to one support to organisations enrolling to this programme.

* For organisation based in Camden only. For organisations based in other boroughs, there will be a fee.

Big Society latest.....

On July 19th David Cameron announced 4 areas for his Big Society vision. These are being called the **Vanguard Communities** because apparently they are not 'pilots' or 'initiatives', they are a 'big advance for people power'. In his speech in Liverpool the Prime Minister described the 3 strands of the Big Society agenda: social action, public service reform and community empowerment. These will be achieved through:

- Decentralisation – from government to neighbourhoods
- Transparency – giving people the information they need to take action e.g. precise crime data will give people the power to hold the police to account, and opportunity to take action to address local problems themselves
- Providing finance – paying public service providers by results to avoid waste, and connecting private capital to investment in social projects through the Big Society Bank

The Vanguard Communities

The 4 areas chosen probably give a bit more insight into to where all this is going. These are Liverpool, rural Eden Valley in Cumbria, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and the outer London Borough of Sutton and Cheam. In Liverpool a volunteer scheme will help to keep museums open for longer hours and there are plans for social enterprises for film production and digital media. Eden Valley will enable a community buy-out of a pub, community broadband access and building a renewable energy generation project. Windsor and Maidenhead want participatory budgeting for the parks budget, delegating budget to streets and devolving more power to Parishes. In Sutton communities want greater freedom to implement sustainable transport schemes, facilitate greener living and create a young peoples project that invests in the community. The government will give these communities the support they need through:

- Constructive response to all requests for new rights and powers to take control of their towns, villages and neighbourhoods
- Dedicated support from civil servants to help break down any bureaucratic barriers that are encountered
- A 'community organiser' to help each community coordinate local support and involvement in its plans. A Daily Telegraph article on this says that officials will identify local residents with aptitude for Big Society projects to be trained as community organisers. So before you get press ganged you can find out more about community organisers at www.citizensuk.org

The communities chosen to form the Big Society 'vanguard' had already approached government with their ideas for taking over assets. The government also wants to hear from other individuals and groups who feel they are encountering unreasonable barriers to making changes that benefit their community. The message here seems to be don't expect any great detail or frameworks from government on

how to get involved in Big Society – just get on with building it. To date there's no government money earmarked for community groups involved, but there might be the possibility of a bank loan

The Big Society Bank

The government target is to open the Big Society Bank by April 2011. It will be a wholesale bank that will work and invest its funds through existing intermediaries like social investors and community lenders (like Charity Bank, Triodos, Social Investment Business etc) who will then increase access to finance for frontline, social organisations. Funding will come from private sector investment and dormant bank accounts. By April it has been suggested that the bank could have £60 – 100 million from dormant accounts. However The Financial Times has reported that banks are proving slow at using current legislation allowing them to access funds that have been untouched for 15 years or more. The general idea is that loans from the Big Society Bank will stimulate sustainable community action.

National Citizen Service

Another Big Society launch last week was the National Citizen Service (NCS). This is seen as a way in to the Big Society for 16 year old school leavers. The programme is voluntary, and is intended to help young people to develop useful skills and attitudes for getting engaged with their communities and becoming active and responsible citizens. A pilot scheme for around 10,000 young people is planned from June to September 2011. A programme is anticipated to last for 7-8 weeks and combine residential and community activities. The government is carrying out a tendering process to deliver the pilots from early August. They are looking for organisations who can deliver NCS pilots at a range of scales so that different approaches can be piloted. The Cabinet Office website has more information about the programme and the tendering process www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk (scroll down the page to find – the direct link isn't working yet)

New planning and education policies also have a Big Society element. The Community Right to Build may let you bypass planning permission to develop new homes, business or community premises. How this will work is still being debated but information will be posted on www.communities.gov.uk/righttobuild

In the mean time why not set up a school? Information about setting up Free Schools can be found on the Department for Education website (formerly Children, Schools and Families) www.education.gov.uk/freeschools

For further information about specific areas of policy and change contact Donna Turnbull, Camden CEN Strategy and Policy Officer, Tel: 0207 284 6567, Fax: 0207 284 6551, Type Talk: 18001 0207 284 6567

<p>a BIG DISCUSSION about the BIG SOCIETY over a small lunch Tues. 14th Sept. 12-2pm at Voluntary Action Camden, 292-299 Kentish Town Road</p>

- What do we know about the emerging environment for voluntary and community organisations?
- How is this going to affect the way we work?
- What do we need to do about it?

This is an opportunity to ask questions, share knowledge, and discuss ideas about meeting the future needs of the communities we work with.

If the information is available we will also look at the next stage of Camden's Third Sector Review. You can book a place by contacting Alex Charles, cenadministrator@vac.org.uk or 02076562