



Gateshead LINK Members e-bulletin

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Gateshead LINK News ...

Please forward this e-bulletin to a friend or colleague who may be interested in joining Gateshead LINK (follow <http://fd9.formdesk.com/alphacommunication/GatesheadLINK>) and getting involved in improving health and social care services in the borough.

Relocation of Gateshead Walk-In Centre Meeting - 14 December 2011, 10am-12noon, GVOC
Instead of holding an Issues and Concerns Drop-in on 14th December 2011 as we had previously arranged, Gateshead LINK are now holding a different type of meeting.

Gateshead PCT had made plans to move the Gateshead Walk-in Centre from its current location in Bensham Hospital to Trinity Square as part of the new developments taking place there. These plans have now been revised and it has been proposed that the Walk-in Centre now be relocated to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. A summary of these plans can be accessed by clicking the image above and a formal consultation will be taking place in early 2012.

Gateshead LINK have invited Marc Hopkinson (Public Health Practitioner, NHS South of Tyne & Waer) to talk to LINK members about the plans the PCT has for improving urgent and emergency care services in Gateshead with particular reference to the relocation of the Walk-in Centre.

The meeting will take place between **10am-12noon on Wednesday 14th December, here at GVOC**, John Haswell House, Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead. We expect Marc to talk about the proposals and then be able to answer questions. Please confirm attendance by e-mailing linda.thompson@gvoc.org.uk

Is your care up to standards?

The Prostate Cancer Charity need your help to build a picture of what quality care looks like for men with prostate cancer. They know that men face a postcode lottery when accessing prostate cancer services across the country. This is not acceptable. They would like to work with you to make improvements where they are needed most. To do this, they are identifying standards of quality care that all men with prostate cancer deserve - at every stage of their journey.

You can help by telling them what quality prostate cancer care means to you by taking part in their survey at <http://www.prostate-cancer.org.uk/qualitycare>

Anyone with experience of prostate cancer is welcome to take part, whether you have been diagnosed with the disease or are a friend or family member of someone who has.

To take part in the survey and read more about our quality care project, please visit www.prostate-cancer.org.uk/qualitycare. If you would like a paper copy of the survey please ring 0208 222 7182.

Help tackle homophobia and transphobia in sport and win amazing sports prizes!!

Together we need to do more to make sport welcoming for everybody. Whether you are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender – or you just recognise homophobia and transphobia is wrong - you can help us to make a difference.

Design a logo that sports clubs can use to show their commitment to kicking homophobia and transphobia out of sport. We're looking for a design that inspires change and helps spread the message that hate of any kind in sport is not acceptable.

Rugby legend Ben Cohen will shortlist the top entries – then it will be over to you to crown our final winner through a public vote. The winning entry will be used as the official campaign logo by sports clubs up and down the country.

Prizes include

- A mascot package for under 11's at an England Football International at Wembley;
- 2 tickets to the Championship playoff finals at Wembley;
- 2 Tickets to the AEGON tennis Championship at Queens;
- 4 Tickets to the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final;
- A signed Ben Cohen shirt;
- A tour of Wembley Stadium.

(Please note travel or overnight stay is not included in any of the prizes).

To enter

Anyone of any age can enter. All we ask from entrants is that their designs are exciting and creative. We're looking for a logo that really inspires change.

Draw your logo on paper, paint it or design it on a computer – the choice is yours – but remember it needs to work across all sizes even when it's as small as a ten pence piece so keep it simple and bold. Please send us your design to arrive no later than 18th January by email to sportscharter@geo.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Nancy Tenenbaum at Home Office, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF.

And finally before you enter please read the Terms and Conditions on our website

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/equalities/lgbt/sports-charter/>

Sign the Charter for Action by 'liking' our facebook page www.facebook.com/lgbtsportcharter

The Offender Health Research Network

The Offender Health Research Network at Manchester University are currently looking for 4 or 5 service users from the Gateshead/Newcastle or South Tyneside area who have mental health issues and have been in contact with the police to get involved in the below research project. They are looking for a small number of expert service users who would be willing to share their stories and contribute to improving access to healthcare in police custody throughout the length of the project.

Research Project: The Development of a Referral Decision Screening Tool to Allow the Early Identification of Mental Health Problems for People in Police Custody. The main aim of the project is to improve current practices surrounding the identification of mental health problems for people in contact with the police, through increasing access to timely and appropriate referral to mental health professionals. The project focuses on the gap in police access to mental health services on the evenings and weekends when there is a high turnover of people through custody. The project is a collaboration between the Offender Health Research Network, University of Manchester and Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

If interested, service users are welcome to participate in the following ways;

1. Interview (1 x 1 hour) (May 2011 - Jan 2012)
2. Consultation Questionnaires (approx 4) (Nov 2011 - Dec 2012)

A £10 mobile top up for participation in the interview and a £20 mobile top up for completion of each questionnaire will be provided. (Argos vouchers are available for participants who don't have a mobile phone). Meetings can be arranged in your local area at your convenience.

If you would like to get involved, can assist in engaging service users or just want to learn more about the project please Heather Noga, Research Assistant, Offender Health Research Network, Rm 2.309 Jean McFarlane Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road M13 9PL. T: 0161 275 0728, M: 07504 998724, F: 0161 275 0716
email: heather.noga@manchester.ac.uk

Better Together: Collaboration information session for the Children, Young People and Families VCS

Tuesday 17th January 2012, 1.00pm – 3.00pm , Georgian Theatre, Stockton on Tees

Are you a North East third sector organisation delivering on the children, young people and families agenda? Want to know more about consortia models and how they work?

Do you need to save money, network with other organisations and access bigger and better funding opportunities? Are you interested in learning more about working collaboratively with other similar organisations, either in your geographic area or field of work?

Are you interested in accessing further support to help you work collaboratively and tender for contracts? Come along to this event that will help you look at:

Understanding collaborative working

Benefits and pitfalls of working with partners in a consortium

Models and themes for potential consortia

Further support from Better Together

To book a place on this event, please contact Andrea l'Anson by email to **Andrea@childrenengland.org.uk**. If you have any other queries prior to booking please do not hesitate to contact Francesca Magog by phone 07989634647, or by email to **Francesca@childrenengland.org.uk**.

Children England's Better Together Project is funded through One North East's Third Sector Capacity Fund. One of the main aims of the project is to support the development of consortia arrangements, as well as identifying local and regional needs around collaboration and consortia building. The project works predominantly with VCSE organisations providing services to children, young people and families and is currently supporting three consortia in the North East.

The Crisis Skylight Newcastle - Open Christmas Event

Who is it for- The homeless, those at risk of becoming homeless and the isolated from Newcastle, Gateshead and surrounding area. **When is it?** – 8am – 8pm on both Christmas and Boxing Days. Food – free snacks/jacket potatoes/bacon Sandwiches/drinks etc will be served throughout the time open. Please note - There will be no formal Christmas meal on Christmas Day as we are aware that other partners such as The People Kitchen in Newcastle are hosting a ticketed lunch event on Christmas Day. **Where is it being held?** - Crisis Skylight Newcastle, 3 City Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2AF http://www.crisis.org.uk/data/files/newcastle/newcastle_map.pdf

What is The Open Christmas? – The Open Christmas seeks to provide a safe, warm and friendly place where the homeless, those at risk of becoming homeless and the isolated can share Christmas in the company of others. We provide food, games, advice and information, a clothing store, films, podiatry, Hairdressing and beauty, free internet surfing, quizzes and much, much more. Please note alcohol is not allowed in or around the Crisis building.

How do people get there if there is no public transport or they don't have the funds to travel? - A free pick up/drop back mini bus service will be available on both days which can be accessed on both days by ringing 0191 2220622

Do people need a ticket to attend/How much does it cost? The Crisis Skylight Open Christmas event is free to all guests who attend. We provide the food based on donations from Supermarkets, the clothing store from donations and the whole event is run with the support of 150 fantastic volunteers.

What can you do to help? – The most important thing that you can do to help is that you can publicise the event to your service users who may be interested in attending. You can also mention the event on your web page, Facebook, Twitter, blog or email newsletter. You can donate to support the event – money clothing, raffle prize or something from the wish list?

You can donate via the web or via your mobile phone to support the ITV Telethon to be held after the Final of the X Factor on Sunday 11th December and on Christmas Eve.

See <http://www.itv.com/textsanta> the money raised will be split between 6 charities of which Crisis is one.

If you need further information or would like to suggest a way that you can help us with this fantastic event, please contact Peter Woods, Crisis Christmas Newcastle Co-ordinator, Crisis Skylight, City House, 1-3 City Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2AF - **peter.woods@crisis.org.uk**
0191 222 06 22

Festive Greetings from Gateshead LINK

Gateshead LINK wishes all Christmas and Festive Greetings and a healthy and happy 2012.
Best wishes from Richard, Kim, Linda, Ruth & the Gateshead LINK Steering Group.

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