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| **Are you aware of the NHS Constitution please see below:**  **For Information – The NHS Constitution** | | | | |
|  | **What is the NHS Constitution?**  The NHS Constitution brings together in one document patients, staff, and the public’s expectations of the NHS. It established the values which guide and underpin the NHS and sets out the rights, responsibilities and pledges to which the NHS is committed.  **The 6 values of the NHS Constitution:**   * Working together for patients * Everyone counts * Compassion * Improving lives * Respect and dignity * Commitment to quality of care   The NHS Constitution is not just for patient facing staff, it applies to all staff where NHS services are delivered.  NHS staff are expected to role model the **NHS Constitution** and every employee is required to consider how they demonstrate these values in their role.  [**Click here to view the NHS Constitution**](http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Rightsandpledges/NHSConstitution/Documents/2013/the-nhs-constitution-for-england-2013.pdf) | | | |
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| **East of Eng HV prog@HealthVisitors**  We are now up to **115** followers which is excellent. Keep on following for some more updates!  **We are also now on http://mediafunnel.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/flickr-logo.jpg**[www.flickr.com/healthvisitors](http://www.flickr.com/healthvisitors) | **Photos from the Building Community Capacity event are now available**  The photographs can be viewed by clicking on the link below  <http://www.flickr.com/photos/healthvisitors/sets/72157634859726434/>  http://farm8.staticflickr.com/7281/9400777598_fb89e31b3f_n.jpg | | | |
| **Spreading the word more widely - sharing practice** | | | | |
| **East Coast Community Healthcare - My Journey** | | | | |
| Having been a Health Visitor for thirteen years and loving my career choice, I become somewhat disillusioned and disheartened prior to becoming a social enterprise. It was a period of doom and gloom with low morale, poor motivation and no career development. We had no idea what was to happen to us individually or as an organisation.  Since we have become East Coast Community Healthcare (ECCH) CIC we have grown from strength to strength motivation and morale has been energised.  I personally became EIS lead in July 2012 and developed a SystmOne user guide for robust care pathways; this was to refer in service users in to the correct care packages to at last be able to measure our interventions. I also became Building Community Capacity (BCC) lead and had the privilege of working with eight Newly Qualified Health Visitors and their six projects. They overcame many difficulties with other staff not really knowing what BCC was and endeavoured to complete their project proforma’s, presentations and 2,500 word report all recently submitted to Northumbria University. Their work ethic, motivation, and commitment to completing BCC thoroughly is a real credit to our organisation and I personally applaud them. We came third at the Duxford celebration day and it was great to hear other BCC projects. *Not to be gushy it was inspiring to listen to Kathy Branson and Julia Whiting as we continue to change Health Visiting at this exciting time.*  In November 2012 I became Healthy Child Programme lead for Great Yarmouth and northern villages. My appreciation for this dynamic team is insurmountable; they have positively embraced many, many changes and are coping with the highest child protection figures in the area. We have achieved last month an increase in breastfeeding mothers at six weeks, 98% of ante natal contacts completed, and 97% 2.5year reviews. We continue to run daytime and evening Pregnancy Birth and Beyond (PBB) groups across the whole area incorporating three children centres. We are developing further strategies of closer GP, Health Visiting relationships and remain working supportively and cohesively with many agencies – especially our midwifery colleagues.  The Great Yarmouth team has had many challenges with premises that (“hurrah”) at last we are moving and the future is bright – no longer battery hens!  As you can see we are a busy team and one that I am very proud to be a member of. They are great ambassadors for ECCH and I love working with them and also am thankful for the really supportive senior management right up to Pamela Agapiou and our Managing Director Tracy Cannell.  I really believe if you are passionate about Health Visiting then you are embracing the changes to be at last measured on our interventions with the families of most need. I also believe if Health Visitors do not find this an exciting time for Health Visiting practise then they must be in the wrong job. | | | | |
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| **Reminder – Spreading the Word More Widely – Sharing Practice**  Please ensure you get your article in to us in plenty of time.  The sharing practice article contents that we have received so far have been excellent, and will all be available on our website from next week. Details of the next 4 scheduled articles listed below:- | | | | |
| **8 August - Peterborough**  15 August – Norfolk  22 August – Suffolk  29 August – West Essex | | | | Articles of up to 200 words in Word format highlighting an innovation or area of good practice (including contact details) are to be sent to Sophie Lakes, [sophie.lakes@nhs.net](mailto:sophie.lakes@nhs.net) by the Wednesday |
| **Immunisation information for health professionals and immunisation practitioners.** | | | | |
| **The information below was published on the DH website on the 29th July. We will be organising immunisation updates across your areas, so please keep checking the newsletter for venues and dates.**  Immunisation is the most important way of protecting individuals and the community from vaccine preventable infectious diseases. See | | | | |
| * [routine childhood immunisations from June 2013](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/routine-childhood-immunisations-from-june-2013) | | * [the complete routine immunisation schedule 2013 to 2014](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule-201314): updated to include all the recent vaccine introductions and re-scheduling, this two-sided chart also features the immunisations for all those at risk | | |
| ‘Immunisation against infectious disease’, also known as the [Green Book](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/series/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book), has the latest information on vaccines and vaccination procedures for all the vaccine preventable infectious diseases that may occur in the UK.  Health professionals and immunisation practitioners can keep up to date with developments in the field and updates to the Green Book through regular [Vaccine update](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/series/vaccine-update) newsletters.  The [Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status](http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/VaccinationImmunisation/Guidelines/) chart provides information on what to do when patients present with uncertain immunisation histories.  [Protocol for ordering, storing and handling vaccines](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protocol-for-ordering-storing-and-handling-vaccines) outlines how to manage vaccines so that immunisations are carried safely and efficiently.  **New vaccine introductions**  New vaccine programmes and changes to existing vaccine programmes are announced in joint letters from the Department of Health, Public Health England and NHS England.  Training slide sets and other resources to accompany these new programmes are also available:   * [Rotavirus](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/series/rotavirus-vaccination-progarmme-for-infants) * [Meningococcal C (MenC)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/series/meningococcal-c-menc-vaccination-programme) * [Measles catch-up](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/series/MMR-catch-up-programme-2013)  **Contacts** | | | | |
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