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**Information Update – RCN Recruitment Event 8th January - Flyer**

A flyer has now been produced by the RCN to support its series of recruitment events across the country. We have embedded the flyer below, please feel free to use it to support local initiatives.

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**Information – Health Visitor Conference Evaluation Calendar 2013**

As part of the evaluation of the HV Cluster Conference in Leicester a series of cartoons were commissioned. 12 have now been selected and produced as a calendar for 2013, which will be distributed across the Region in support of all health visitors and to help spread the message about all the hard work that is undertaken for the benefit of our families.

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**Information – Leadership Training**

We have had a great response to the Leadership Training and we will be circulating confirmed places by personal invitation and joining instruction for the January dates by the middle of next week.

Please note that hotel bookings will need to be booked and settled by your organisations.

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**Information Update – Institute of Health Visitors (IHV) Officially Launched**

Wednesday 28th November 2012 saw the official launch of the Institute of Health Visitors. Further information is available at, <http://www.ihv.org.uk/>

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**Information – IHV Sleep Well Campaign 2013**

The first campaign to be run by the IHV is the Sleep Well Campaign 2013. The campaign’s message is that there are public health consequences of poor sleep including,

* Accidents in the home, on the road and in the workplace
* Postnatal depression
* Breakdown in couple relationships, and
* An increased risk of domestic violence and child abuse.

For more information, see <http://www.ihv.org.uk/docs/Sleep_Well.pdf>

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**Reminder - Listening to the Voice of the Family Project - National Roll Out**

The DH has commissioned the Centre for Children and Families Applied Research (CCFAR), Coventry University to deliver a programme designed to enhance the competencies of health professionals when working with young children and families using new innovative engagement re-sources.  This programme will be delivered through a train the trainer model in 3 stages.

**Session 1** – online learning (approximately 3 hours to be completed at a time convenient for you)

**Session 2** – attending a practical workshop within your SHA area

**Session 3** – online learning & evaluation (approximately 3 hours to be completed at a time convenient for you)

We are suggesting that this training presents an opportunity for members of your skill mix team i.e. community nursery nurses to feel involved in the programme and gain experience therefore you may wish to nominate them to take part. They must feel confident and able to act as trainers for the health visiting team.

We are looking for 30 participants across the region who will be able to attend a 1 day workshop on Tuesday 5th February 2013 (location to be confirmed but likely to be in the Cambridge/Newmarket area) If all organisations could nominate 2-3 participants please. They will need to read the attached information sheet and complete and return the attached consent form by 13th November.



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**Reminder – All – Nominations for Regional HV Communities of Practice Workshop 11th December**

This workshop will launch our Communities of Practice in the East of England and will be an exciting opportunity to learn and share good practice. Open to all members of the Health Visiting Team. Please send all your nominations to [glyn.pritchard@nhs.net](mailto:glyn.pritchard@nhs.net). Flyer attached.



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**Reminder – RCN Recruitment Event 8th January 2013**

We are still chasing responses to requests for speakers at the RCN recruitment event. Glyn will be following up with phone calls this week to providers.

* Nominations sought for an inspirational Health Visitor speaker – ‘The Rewards and reality of being a Health Visitor’
* Nominations sought for a Newly Qualified Health Visitor Speaker – ‘Health Visiting Today’ (10-15 mins)

We would also like to encourage participation through HEI stands, displays showcasing Health Visitor innovation. This offers the trust marketing teams the opportunity to promote themselves as employers of choice.

This event is timed to coincide with the launch of our 2013 recruitment campaign.



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