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| Health Visitor Programme - Weekly News |

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**Action – Return to Practice Numbers for January**

We are aware that three or four potential return to practice Health Visitors have shown an interest in the course commencing in January at the University of Hertfordshire. Please note the process attached. All applicants need to have secured a practice placement with a provider in addition to making an application to the University. All return to practice students must have pre-employment checks including references, CRB and occupational Health clearance before a return to practice course can be commenced.

Please inform Prasanth Francis at [Prasanth.francis@nhs.net](mailto:Prasanth.francis@nhs.net) using the form below of any potential students in order that the bursary can be released.



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**Action - Urgent - Promotional Guide Training**

Antenatal and Postnatal Promotional Guides are an evidence based assessment process that promotes:

* + the early development of babies,
  + the transition of mothers and fathers to parenthood
  + better informed professional and parent decisions about baby and family needs

In order to roll out the training across the region we will be using a train the trainer approach. Initially we need a number of health visitors across the region to undergo the 2 day basic training programme who are able to use the guides in their health visiting practice before completing the train the training course in the summer. (this does not include Essex as they have they have their own programme as part of MESCH.

The following numbers have been agreed across the region and operational leads have been asked to nominate appropriate health visitors for this programme.

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| Norfolk | 12 |
| Suffolk | 9 |
| Luton | 3 |
| Peterborough | 3 |
| Herts | 8 |
| Cambs | 9 |
| Beds | 6 |
| Total | 50 |

Date and venues are as follows. Each cohort is for 25 participants.

Cohort 1               7th Feb and 7th March      Novotel Stevenage

Cohort 2               8th Feb and 8th March      Newmarket Racecourse

Please can names be put forward to Sarah [healthvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:healthvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk) **by Monday 14th January**. Participants must be nominated by their manager in order to participate in this training as they will be expected to become trainers on behalf of their organisation.



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**Action – Awards for Norfolk and Suffolk Practice Teachers and Mentors from Norfolk and Suffolk Workforce Partnership Group**

As Norfolk and Suffolk with UCS have been national leaders in driving forward new ways of supporting practice education in health visiting, it is recognised that mentors as well as Practice Educators have been key to this innovation. It has therefore been decided that there will now be 2 one off awards for the Mentor/Educator of the year award 2013 within this category. One for Mentors and One for Practice Educators.

Please see the attached nomination form. Nominations by the 31st January.



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**Information and Action – Listening to the Voice of the Family – Transfer of Places to London**

Following the poor take up of places for the Listening to the Voice of the Family training in the East of England, we have been able to secure our 6 delegates places on the training course in London. Information will be sent directly to delegates previously registered.

Information from Rhona Woodall [<mailto:ab1829@coventry.ac.uk>]

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**Information & Action – Leadership Training Phase 1 for CPT’s and HV Team Leaders.**

We have had a great response to the Leadership Training. All the venues are now fully booked apart from Stock Brook Country Club Nr Billericay 9th-11th April. Places will be filled on a first come first serve basis. If places become available on the courses that are fully booked nominees will be chosen from the waiting list in date order, so please could all delegates that have received confirmations let us know if for any reason your circumstances change and you are unable to make the date so we can fill your place as soon as possible.

Place confirmations for the Stansted Hilton and Stock Brook Country Club will be sent out by 18.01.13.

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

Please contact Sarah Hornby, [healthvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:healthvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk) if you have any queries or need further information.



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**Information - Leadership Training Phase 2, Selection of Candidates**

Can all Operational Leads please inform the office how many staff in their organisation fit into the category below for phase two of the leadership training.

* For Band 8 or equivalent staff that have responsibility for the delivery of the HCP/HVIP for a locality e.g. Locality Managers, Matrons etc. This training will combine attended sessions, action learning sets and individual coaching sessions.

Please let us know by Wednesday the 16th January.

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**Information – Operational Leads Meeting – Agenda 16th January 2013**

Please see embedded the agenda for the Operational Leads meeting on Wednesday 16th January 2013. This meeting is only for the Operational Leads.

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**Information – Journal of Health Visiting**

Liam Benison attended the Regional Workshop on the 11th December and signed up 40 attendees who were interested in receiving a free copy of the new journal. These will be sent out next week.

Further information: Journal of Health Visiting, MA Healthcare Limited, St Jude’s Church, Dulwich Road, London SE24 0PB, 020 7501 6791 [www.journalofhealthvisiting.com](http://www.journalofhealthvisiting.com)

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**Information – Conference - Tackling Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief, Thursday 7 February 2013, Nottingham**

*Tackling child abuse linked to faith* *or belief* is an opportunity for service managers and practitioners to:

* extend their knowledge of child abuse linked to faith and belief
* understand the messages of the National Action Plan for service providers
* hear about practical measures which have been put in place to address the issue

The speakers are members of the National Working Group which published the National Action Plan, and have some of the most extensive practical experience on this issue in the UK.

To encourage participation on this key issue, places are being offered at a special rate of £135 + VAT for all organisations.

Full information and on-line booking is available at [www.ccclimited.org.uk](http://ui.isend-itineris.co.uk/track/click.aspx?r=de044f5de1&t=36b2f524ea&k=e775219cd7c2441fb1e6)  or you can ring for further information on 0115 916 3104.

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**Information – Conference - Domestic Abuse by Children Against Parents: Preventing a Difficult Problem Getting Worse, Thursday 14 March 2013, Nottingham**

Child on parent abuse is rarely discussed. Interim findings from the largest UK research project so far into violence against parents will be shared at a national Learning Day on 14 March 2013 in Nottingham.

The most typical scenario for child on parent abuse is from a teenage son to a single mother, with several deaths resulting each year. Adults who lack strong parenting skills, or who have issues which affect their ability to parent, are most at risk of abuse. Abusive behaviour can begin at a young age, but parents are often reluctant to seek help.

In addition to research findings, this Learning Day will feature sessions on the emotional impact of sustained abuse on parents and the impact of drugs and alcohol on family violence.

A full programme, with details of the sessions and speakers, can be found at [www.ccclimited.org.uk](http://ui.isend-itineris.co.uk/track/click.aspx?r=8e0d30631e&t=36b2f524ea&k=961e50933331427eadd0) where you can also book on-line or telephone 0115 916 3104.

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**Reminder – HV Programme Additional Investment, Q3 Outturn Reports**

Please ensure your outturn reports on the additional investment to support training and education are completed and returned using the embedded template.

Deadline for the submission of the Q3 reports to Glyn is **Monday 28th January 2013**. If you are unsure what is required or need additional guidance, please ask. Please note, for Essex, the return is completed by Liz Plastow on behalf of all the trusts.

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