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| Health Visitor Programme - Weekly News |

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**Congratulations and Thanks - Cluster Conference 14th November 2012**

A big thank you from the Regional Team to all those who participated in and attended the Cluster Conference yesterday. Whilst we await the formal evaluation of the event, informal feedback suggests staff found it interesting and valuable.

Congratulations have to go to those staff from the East of England who submitted their projects to the Dragon’s Lair and made a valuable contribution to the event. We hope to see these and other projects move forward with enthusiasm in the future.

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

**To date we have only had one response to this.**

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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**Urgent Action Required – Wanted - Parent Representatives for the Midwifery/Health Visiting Pathway workshops.**

We are looking for parents with young babies to participate in the three workshops. Could Health Visitors with caseloads in the area of the three workshops please ask parents if they would like to participate and give their valuable views. Unfortunately we don’t have facilities for toddlers so ideally we are looking for people that have given birth in the last six months. Venue details are as follows:

**23rd November - Newmarket Racecourse**

**26th November - Hatfield, The Fielder Centre**

**29th November – Stansted, Hilton**

Please send names into [helathvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:helathvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk)

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**Action & Reminder – Operational Leads - Midwifery - Health Visiting Pathway Workshops, x3 November Dates 2012**

There are still places available for the above events, please encourage local staff to attend where possible to help shape collaborative working to improve the health of our populations.

The events are free and we are hoping to see as many health visitors and health visiting managers as possible. This is a reminder of how to register.

**To register please go to the appropriate event page link below and book yourself a place;**

* **Newmarket Racecourse - 23rd November**

[**http://events.eoe.nhs.uk/all/2358**](http://events.eoe.nhs.uk/all/2358)

* **The Fielder Centre, Hatfield - 26th November**

[**http://events.eoe.nhs.uk/all/2360**](http://events.eoe.nhs.uk/all/2360)

* **Hilton Hotel, Stansted - 29th November**

[**http://events.eoe.nhs.uk/all/2359**](http://events.eoe.nhs.uk/all/2359)

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**Action & Reminder – Data Returns, Healthy Child Programme**

National data collection to measure progress of the HCP has arrived. The attached template collects information on antenatal contacts, new birth visits between 10-14 days, breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks, uptake of 2 – 2½ year assessments and childhood obesity. It is likely to increase to include more factors later. Those of you that are EIS will now be familiar with this type of request for data.

You will see that the data is quarterly but will be a monthly submission to allow for refining of data over time. So you should be able to complete Q1 and 2 and possibly some data for October in Q3.

The first data submission is due into the DH on 7th December. Therefore please can we have your first submission by Friday 30th November to allow us time to collate the data.  Please send to myself, Sarah – [healthvisitorPA@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:healthvisitorPA@eoe.nhs.uk) or Glyn.  [glyn.pritchard@nhs.net](mailto:glyn.pritchard@nhs.net)



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**Information – Latest Health Visiting Staff in Post Data**

As the operation Leads meeting was cancelled due to the NHS Midlands and East Conference we have attached the usual data spreadsheets for your information.

 

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**Information and Action – DH Recruitment and Marketing**

Between January & March 2013, DH will be emailing nurses who have previously shown interest in becoming health visitors to encourage them to apply. We have been asked to supply dates of recruitment campaigns in the East of England to enable their marketing teams to support local action. We will also be able to keep them informed on progress so that areas who have recruited enough students will not be targeted for repeat campaigns.

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**Information – Launch of Journal of Health Visiting**

The Journal of Health Visiting will be launched in January 2013 and will be available at the East of England workshop on 11th December. Further information is available on [www.journalofhealthvisiting.com](http://www.journalofhealthvisiting.com).

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**Information – Launch of The Institute of Health Visiting (IHV)**

The Institute of Health Visiting (IHV) is launching its website on 28th November 2012 at [www.ihv.org.uk](http://www.ihv.org.uk).

The IHV are keen to hear from health visitors, students, educators and managers to be involved in the development of The Institute or if you want further information.

Contact: [info@ihv.org.uk](mailto:info@ihv.org.uk), 020 7265 7318 or Institute of Health Visiting, c/o Royal Society for Public Health, John Snow House, 59 Mansell St., London E1 8AN.

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**Information - NHS Mandate launched – Implications for Health Visiting**

The Department of Health has set out its Mandate for the NHS, which includes what this means for children and young people. Further information at <http://mandate.dh.gov.uk/children>.

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**Information – EIS Conference, 27th February 2013**

This conference is being planned by DH to celebrate early implementer site achievements. There will be a limited number of places for East of England. More information will follow.

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**Information & Reminder – Essex Implementation Board, 21st November – Change of Time and Venue**

The next Essex Health Visitor Implementation Board will be held at The Hilton Hotel, Stansted Airport on Wednesday 21st November starting at 8.30 a.m., prior to the Celebration Event, organised by Anglia Ruskin University & the County Workforce Groups in Essex, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This meeting is chaired by [Liz.plastow@gmail.com](mailto:Liz.plastow@gmail.com).

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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 – Register of Health Visitors and Projects – BCC**

Please see the attached spread sheets, which need completing and returning to [Liz.plastow@gmail.com](mailto:Liz.plastow@gmail.com) in order to comply with DH guidance on BCC. On the spread sheet, you will see a separate sheet per organisation, just click the appropriate tab.

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**Information – Update on Leadership Training for Band 7 Team Leaders and Practice Teachers**

We have confirmed the following dates and venues for the three day strength based leadership training:

**Centre Parcs (Elvedon Forest) 8th-10th January**

**Wyboston lakes (Beds) 29th-31st January**

**Newmarket Racecourse 5th-7th March**

**Stansted Hilton 19th-21st March**

**Basildon Area (venue TBC) 9th-11th April**

Please send all your nominees to Sarah Hornby, email [healthvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:healthvisitorpa@eoe.nhs.uk). **Names are being taken on a first come first serve basis** as we have a maximum of 40 places available at each venue. Please note that staff must commit to all three days.

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

The RCN will once again be hosting a Health Visitor recruitment event in the East of England. The location is to be confirmed. We are working closely with the RCN and need your help to participate in the event.

* Members of the Health Visitor operational team – attendance required to support the event and talk to prospective candidates. **Please respond.**
* Nominations sought for an inspirational Health Visitor speaker – ‘The Rewards and reality of being a Health Visitor’ **Please respond.**
* Nominations sought for a Newly Qualified Health Visitor Speaker – ‘Health Visiting Today’ (10-15 mins) **Please respond.**
* Speaker form an HEI – ‘What does Health Visiting look like today and how to progress your interest in Health Visiting as a career’

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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**Reminder – Celebration Event 21st November, Stansted Hilton**

Anglia Ruskin University and the County Workforce Groups in Essex and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are inviting you to attend a special event to celebrate the Health Visiting Programme which is delivered across Essex, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

If you would like to book a place or would like any further information, please contact [louise.kitley@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:louise.kitley@eoe.nhs.uk).

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