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Consultation on Draft Practice Guidance on 'Developing a Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities'

20th November 2009 -
12th March 2010

This consultation seeks your views on draft practice for guidance drawn up by the Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group working with Assembly officials on 'Developing a Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities'.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 20th November 2009 ending on the 12th March 2010.

The Deputy Minister for Social Services has agreed to consider whether the Welsh Assembly Government should issue practice guidance on developing a commissioning strategy for people with learning disabilities in the light of the consultation responses.

For further information and to download the covering letter and consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/commissioningstrategy/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to:

ldstrategyconsultationreplies@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Consultation on Putting Things Right - a Better Way of Dealing with Concerns about Health Services

11th January 2010 -
2nd April 2010

This consultation seeks your views on the way that health organisations deal with people's concerns about the health service.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 11th January 2010 ending on the 2nd April 2010.

We want the health service in Wales to do as much as it can to put right mistakes and to learn lessons to stop them happening again. We feel that this can be done by improving the arrangements already in place to support all staff to be open with people when something has gone wrong and by developing further the skills and experience of staff who will investigate concerns.

We also think that by giving health organisations the tools they need to carry out better investigations, more people will be satisfied with the result. The process should be easy to access and people should be able to get help and support to raise their concerns.

For further information and to download the consultation document please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/puttingthingsright/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to:

puttingthingsrightconsultation@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

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Creating an Active Wales - Consultation on Roles and Responsibilities Document

13th January 2010 -
9th April 2010

The Welsh Assembly Government has developed the following draft document to show how the various organisations and professionals across Wales can contribute to encouraging the population to become more active.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 13th January 2010 ending on the 9th April 2010.

We are now seeking feedback from the organisations and professional groups listed in the document to ensure that we have captured the breadth of work that is being carried out in this area.

For further information and to download the consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/roles/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to: lifestyles@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Draft All Wales Obesity Pathway

28th January 2010 -
28th April 2010

We are consulting on a common approach to how obesity is treated in Wales.

The consultation runs for over 8 weeks commencing on the 28th January 2010 ending on the 28th April 2010.

The rising levels of obesity in Wales represent a significant change and this is recognised in Our Healthy Future. We need to work together to reverse the trend, to prevent millions of adults and children facing deteriorating health and a lower quality of life and government facing spiraling health and social care costs.

A draft all Wales obesity pathway has been developed. Once finalised it is proposed that health boards use it as a tool to:

- Review local policies, services and cross-departmental multi-agency activity for children and adults; and
- Develop a full implementation plan to ensure they have planned activity across the full range of determinants which cause obesity and overweight.

The draft pathway has been developed with contributions from a number of key partners. We would welcome your input via the consultation feedback form.

For further information and to download the consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/obesitypathway/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to: lifestyles@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10 th March	<p>Tea Dance Join us on the 10th March, 2-4pm at Newport Market, High Street to dance to pre-recorded music or sit and enjoy the fun, all welcome. Take advantage of pensioner offers too! Shop for your 5 a day fruit and veg, see stallholders for more details.</p>	For more information please contact the Market Manager on (01633) 265069.
18 th March	<p>Want to Work Information Event NCC in partnership with Job Centre Plus has arranged an Event at the Carers Contact, Newport Market on the 18th March 2010, 10am – 4pm. The event will consist of advice and support for unpaid carers thinking of returning to work or training.</p>	For more information please call the Carers Contact on (01633) 258376.
19 th -20 th March	<p>24 Hour Aquathon The inaugural 24 hour aquathon will come to the South East Wales regional pool, at the Newport International Sports Village between Friday 19th & Saturday 20th March 2010.</p>	For further details or to register, you can pick up an entry form from your local swimming pool or visit the leisure pages on the council website: www.newport.gov.uk/leisure .
21 st March	<p>Sport Relief – The Newport Mile Newport International Sports Village will host the Sport Relief Mile on Sunday 21st March 2010 and residents are being urged to sign up for the fundraising event. Starting at the Velodrome at the Newport International Sports Village at 10am, participants will need to sign up online before the event where they will automatically be set up with a Sport Relief giving page which can be emailed to friends and family to collect sponsorship.</p>	To sign up for the Sport Relief Mile challenge visit: www.sportrelief.com/the-mile/newport-mile
23 rd March	<p>Memory Café: Alzheimer's Society Newport Branch A Memory Café is taking place on the 23rd March 2010, 10.30am – 2pm at The Pavilion, Belle Vue Park. Worried about your memory or caring for someone who is confused and forgetful? The Memory Café may be able to help. Set up by the local Alzheimer's Society in Newport and offers activities including dancing, arts and crafts, music, exercise and advice on health and nutrition.</p>	For further details, please contact the Alzheimer's Society on (01633) 665110.

25 th March	<p>MECHANIC Anniversary Event MECHANIC are holding their first anniversary event at Malpas Court, Newport, 9am – 3pm on the 25th March. The event is being held to celebrate the good work and working partnerships that the association has achieved in its first year.</p>	<p>If anyone would like to attend <u>please</u> contact Julia Osmond on (01633) 261448 or julia.osmond@wales.nhs.uk.</p>
30 th March	<p>Newport Disability Coalition Launch Event Newport Disability Coalition are hosting a Launch Event on Tuesday 30 March, 11am – 1pm at Malpas Court House.</p>	<p>For more information please contact Helen Scanlan on helen.scanlan@newport.gov.uk or call (01633) 656656.</p>
21 st April	<p>Newport Walking Festival The Newport Walking Festival 2010 takes place from the 21st April and involves 18 walks over 10 days. Over the 10 days there will be 18 guided walks ranging from short and easy to longer more strenuous walks in the countryside.</p>	<p>To download the Waking Festival brochure and to obtain information on how to book on the walks please visit the Newport City Council website on: www.newport.gov.uk/g4g and click on the Newport Walking Festival page.</p>
25 th June	<p>Midnight Walk As part of the scheme Going for Gold supports local challenges around Newport. This year one of these challenges is St Anne's Midnight Walk. Starting on the stroke of midnight this year's Midnight Walk will be on Friday 25th June 2010 and takes the form of a sponsored ten mile walk through the east of Newport.</p>	<p>For more information and to download relevant documents please visit www.stanneshospice.org.uk</p>

HEALTH EVENTS CALENDER 2010

1 st – 31 st March	<p>Prostate Cancer Charity Prostate Cancer Awareness Month</p>	www.prostate-cancer.org.uk
1 st – 31 st March	<p>Ovarian Cancer Action Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month</p>	www.ovarian.org.uk
1 st – 31 st March	<p>Sleep Council National Bed Month</p>	www.sleepcouncil.com
1 st March	<p>LifeSIGNS Self Injury Awareness Day</p>	www.selfinjury.org.uk/siad
5 th March	<p>Epilepsy Action National Doodle Day</p>	www.nationaldoodleday.org.uk
8 th March	<p>United Nations International Women's Day</p>	www.un.org

8 th – 14 th March	Endometriosis UK Endometriosis Awareness Week	www.endo.org.uk
10 th March	No Smoking Day the Charity No Smoking Day	www.nosmokingday.org.uk
11 th March	World Kidney Day	www.worldkidneyday.org
12 th March	International Glaucoma Association World Glaucoma Day	www.iga.org.uk
15 th – 19 th March	Down's Syndrome Association Down's Syndrome Awareness Week	www.downs-syndrome.org.uk
22 nd March	World Water Day	www.worldwaterday.org
24 th March	TB Alert World Tuberculosis Day	www.tbalert.org



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