

Secretary of State announces £1m funding for Health and Wellbeing Boards

Andrew Lansley has unveiled funds of almost £1 million to support the development of Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Speaking at the Local Government Association Conference on Thursday 30 June, he outlined the critical role the Boards will play in bringing together councillors, clinical commissioning groups and local communities to ensure patients and the public experience more joined-up health and care services in the future.

The Boards which will be a part of Local Authorities are a key part of the NHS modernisation plans.

The funds will be used to:

- create a learning programme to develop solutions on key challenges around joint working between local government and the NHS;
- develop an interactive online forum, tools and events to show-case and share this learning; and
- support councillors working on Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Further information can be found at http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_127967 and <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/>

New NHS Leadership Framework launched

A new NHS Leadership Framework, which has been designed to support leadership development across all professions in the NHS, was launched on Wednesday by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley.

The framework sets out how to enable clinicians and other professional staff to improve their leadership abilities in delivering services and working with colleagues. It will be the basis of the new structures that have already been announced for the NHS.

The framework will address the development needs of all NHS staff irrespective of discipline, role or function, recognising that leadership needs to be distributed at all levels of the NHS.

The framework is for healthcare staff at any stage of their career and has been developed by the National Leadership Council after extensive research and consultation with a wide cross section of staff, patients, professional bodies and academics. Further details can be found at www.nhsleadership.org.uk/framework.asp

Event: Pain Toolkit Workshop - Self Management Approaches for Long Term Pain

Monday 12 September 2011, 9.30am - 4.30pm, The Met Hotel, King Street, Leeds LS1 2HQ

The Pain Toolkit is a simple information booklet that could provide patients with some handy tips and skills to support self-management of pain.

Aimed at all health and social care practitioners working in community, primary and secondary care who work with people with long-term pain, the workshop will provide the understanding, confidence and skills to use the Pain Toolkit effectively as a self-management resource for patients.

Full details of the event and how to register are available at: <http://www.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/document.php?o=7333>

Free Media Skills Training for Clinical Leaders of GP Commissioning Consortia

There are a limited number of spaces still available at this free training which is being offered by the National Leadership Council, in partnership with NHS Yorkshire and the Humber communication team. Aimed at clinical leaders of GP commissioning consortia, the one day's training will include:

- An introduction to the media and context setting – the immediate challenge for consortia
- Tips and techniques for media interviews – how to get your message across
- The media and how it works – insight into online, broadcast, print and an understanding of what journalists want
- The role you need to play as a clinical leader in handling the media, promoting and safeguarding the reputation of the NHS
- Simulated live media interviews – using realistic scenarios participants will have the opportunity to practice media interview techniques.

Five sessions are taking place from 25 July – 10 August at venues across the region (Doncaster, Leeds, Wakefield, York and Brighouse).

If you are interested in receiving this training, please e-mail or telephone sarah.morrow@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk / 0113 2952041. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Learning and Development Event: Developing Effective Tenders and Service Specifications

- 19 July 2011, Don Valley House, Sheffield, 9am – 5pm
- 20 September 2011, Sandal Rugby Club, Wakefield, 9am – 5pm
- 4 October 2011, The Carriageworks, Leeds, 9am – 5pm

The Yorkshire and the Humber commercial support unit is rolling out a programme of learning modules. This “blended” learning module comprises attendance at one workshop (select one from the three above) with some e-learning and remote mentoring thereafter.

This **free** course is aimed at developing the skills of staff working as commissioners and providers in developing specifications that result in competitive and innovative tender submissions by providers.

Aimed primarily at NHS staff in middle to senior management roles within both provider and commissioner organisations, likely to be operating at Band 6, 7 or 8 who are:

- working in commissioning, procurement departments or service provider organisations depending on the internal structures of the organisation or Trust
- actively involved in preparing and developing service specifications or tender submissions and who have not received formal training
- developing these documents as a “bolt-on” to current days jobs, who do not feel fully equipped to do this
- working in emerging GP Consortia

There will be no fee for these places.

Further information can be found at www.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/document.php?o=7331

Interested applicants should select the workshop they would like to attend, complete the [registration form and learning plan](#) and return this to anne.hilton@yhcsu.nhs.uk