

National programme launched to accelerate learning for health and wellbeing boards

A programme of accelerated learning sets has been launched to help emerging health and wellbeing boards to work together on the biggest challenges that face them on their way to statutory running from April 2013.

More than 90 out of 152 emerging health and wellbeing boards from across England are represented in the 11 learning sets. The sets are focused on themes that early implementers have said are of most interest and importance to health and wellbeing board members.

For more detail visit: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/learning-sets-launch/>

Scheme to support healthcare assistants unveiled

New measures to support the training standards of healthcare assistants were unveiled by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley this week.

Speaking at the NHS Employers conference in Liverpool, he set out plans to develop a code of conduct and minimum training standards for healthcare support workers and adult social care workers in England.

The project will be taken forward jointly by Skills for Health and Skills for Care – in partnership with unions, employers, regulators, educators and others. It will focus on areas like communication, confidentiality, nutrition and hydration, and basic observations.

It will help nurses know which tasks they can delegate and which they shouldn't. It will also bring clarity to the training assistants need where they deliver more advanced tasks.

For more details visit: <http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2011/11/15/scheme-to-support-healthcare-assistants-unveiled/>

NHS Future Forum sends interim recommendations to Secretary of State

The Chair of the NHS Future Forum, Professor Steve Field, has written to the Secretary of State with the Forum's interim recommendations.

The Department of Health is due to publish the NHS Operating Framework and the Public Health Outcomes Framework soon and the Forum wants to ensure some of its recommendations are reflected in these documents.

The letter is not, therefore, intended to summarise the full range of views the Forum has heard or indicate what its final report will cover. The Forum's final report will be published before the end of the year.

[Download NHS Future Forum interim letter](#)

Developing the new NHS Provider Licence: A Framework Document

If current proposals set out in the Health and Social Care Bill become law, Monitor is likely to need to license providers relatively quickly - by October 2012 for foundation trusts and April 2013 for all other providers. Monitor is therefore starting to think about the shape and content of the proposed licensing regime. This framework document is intended to maximise the opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute to that thinking at an early stage, without pre-empting Parliament's role.

Comments on the proposals are being asked for by 12 December: <http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/home/news-events-and-publications/our-publications/browse-category/consultations/live-consultations-0>

Events

Reminder Clinical Commissioning Group Regional Development Network

28th November, 9.30am – 13.00pm (Hillside, Leeds)

The next meeting of the clinical commissioning group (CCG) regional development network is taking place on 28th November from 9.30 (10am start) until 13.00pm at Hillside in Leeds. The network has been established to bring together the organisational development (OD)/ CCG transition leads who are working with emerging CCGs. Clinical Commissioning Group or PCT colleagues involved in OD/consortia transition are welcome to attend.

If you wish to attend, please contact carolyn.ohare@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk.

Clinical Commissioning Development Event

7th December 2011 Wednesday, Harrogate Majestic Hotel

A series of developmental events for clinical commissioning group leaders are being held around the country. The event for the north will be held on Wednesday 7 December 2011 in Harrogate and is open to two representatives per CCG in the north and PCT cluster directors of commissioning development. Invitations have been sent separately to CCG leads and PCT Clusters .

If you would like further information, please contact stacey.chantler@northwest.nhs.uk.