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PRESS NOTICE

TRAINEE CONFERENCE DRAWS TOP HEALTH LEADERS

Key leaders in public health are queuing up to get their message across to the new generation of public health trainee practitioners and analysts.

Sir Michael Marmot, Sir Liam Donaldson and Sir Muir Gray will all speak at the Public Health Futures conference, on February 23rd in London.

The conference, taking place only days after the crucial Marmot Report on health inequalities is published, will focus on the future challenges facing public health, and some of the methods and knowledge products available to address them.

It is free for all public health trainees, and is organised by Informing Healthier Choices (IHC), a Department of Health programme to deliver knowledge products for a modern public health service.

The IHC programme is led by Sir Muir Gray, who wants all trainees, from every sector, to take time out to attend and to share their ideas and work they have done:

“We all arrive in the Public Health arena determined to make a difference to the future of the real world: to address inequalities and injustice and to roll up our sleeves and apply whatever skills we possess to improving the health of the public.

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“This conference will celebrate that spirit, consider how to support and sustain it and establish some signposts for the future.”

The programme has been compiled by trainees themselves, with the focus on forward-looking and innovative knowledge products. The unique ‘bring and buy’ format encourages active participation.

A ‘killer slide’ competition encourages trainees to enter a slide that has acted as a call to action in public health and then to present it on the day.

To sign up to attend the conference, and to enter the ‘killer slide’ competition, go to www.phfutures.org

NOTE TO EDITORS:

Informing Healthier Choices is a Department of Health programme managed by Public Health Action Support Team (PHAST), to make public health intelligence more accessible, useful and timely, and to give people the tools, skills and knowledge to use it.

IHC has four aims:

1. Improved public health workforce capacity and capability
2. Improved data and the tools to use it
3. Creation of stronger organisations using health intelligence appropriately
4. Development of web-based support for health intelligence

For more information about Informing Healthier Choices, go to www.informinghealthierchoices.net or call Penny Cole, IHC Communications Consultant, on 020 8761 6624 or 07951 350835