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News, views & updates for the Wider Stakeholder Group

Welcome to the third issue of the East Midlands Teaching Public Health Network newsletter, we hope you find the content both interesting and useful. Please forward on any items you would like to see in the next newsletter to Claire.Croal@nottingham.ac.uk

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The East Midlands Teaching Public Health Network (EMTPHN) – Small Grants Scheme

The EMTPHN small grants scheme was introduced in October 2008 to support the development of public health skills across the East Midlands. Applications were invited from stakeholder organisations (including educational institutions, local authorities, health and social care organisations, the third sector and independent sector) local alliances and partnerships.

A total of twelve bids were received and considered against the criteria by members of the East Midlands Teaching Public Health Network Small Grants Group (EMTPHSGG).

The successful bids all demonstrated clear public health related content with benefits identified for the public health workforce across the East Midlands supporting the objectives of the Teaching Public Health Network. The successful bids that were approved are:

- E-learning Resources to support Mental Health and Wellbeing of Older Carers (Sheffield Hallam University)
- Health and Social Care Research Methods in Practice: short mini courses (University of Leicester)
- Images for learning public health: a portfolio of problem based learning resources (University of Nottingham)
- Reusable Alcohol Learning for Public Health (University of Nottingham)

For more information please visit our [website](#) or contact the support team (details of which are in the newsletter).



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Promoting Speciality Training in the East Midlands - Public Health Specialty Team

We continue to work to promote Public Health as a career in the East Midlands and the promotional DVD and brochure have received excellent national feedback. We are now working closely with the two Foundation Schools to support the F2 programme and to highlight Public Health as a specialty to medical students.

The East Midlands team has now completed the management of the national recruitment process for Public Health Specialty training in 2009 with successful outcomes across the country. Six new trainees will be joining the East Midlands programme in August. We also have a number of senior trainees who are leaving the programme and who have secured consultant posts in the region.

Our next Training the Trainer events are being held in September with a 2 day introductory course for new trainers and a Public Health specific trainer day. A further event is planned for November. For further information on these courses please contact maxine.lazzari@nottingham.ac.uk

PHORCaST

PHORCaST stands for Public Health Online Resource for Careers, Skills and Training. The aim of the website is to provide a UK-wide resource to aid the recruitment and retention of a high calibre public health workforce at all levels. It will offer one place for individuals and organisations to go to find information on careers in public health, personal and professional development, roles, routes, qualifications and training.

The project, which is supported by the four UK countries' Departments of Health, is a joint endeavour by the East Midlands Healthcare Workforce Deanery, the Public Health Resource Unit (PHRU), The Teaching Public Health Networks (led by the East and West Midlands) and Skills for Health. The project is on target for completion in November.

Please contact Jonathan Bardill, project support manager jonathan.bardill@eastmidlands.nhs.uk for further information

The UK National Smoking Cessation Conference June 2009

The UKNSCC was held in June in London. This conference has become an opportunity for those working within the smoking cessation community to meet together and participate focussing on the issues facing them. The programme included presentations from leading clinicians, researchers and policy makers from across the world. Key issues debated included: The World Class Commissioning of stop smoking services, the regulation of the profession through the UK Public Health register and the development in England of the NHS centre for smoking Cessation and training.

There were many interesting and thought provoking presentations and posters including a number from the East Midlands. One example was Rachael Murray, Cancer Research UK Graduate Training fellow, Division of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Nottingham, Nottingham City Hospital, UK whose research focuses on 'spontaneous quitting'. An audio of Rachel's presentation is available on the uknsc.org website as are other presentations and information

Skills Academy for Health

The Skills Academy for Health East Midlands (SAfHEM) Regional Consultation took place on 8th June and over 80 people attended from across the region, including representatives from the Public Health team. Isabel Perez, who is now the representative with the SAfHEM for the TPHN, also gave a presentation as part of the Academy team to highlight the importance of the Public Health agenda within the SAfHEM priorities. Those who attended identified that they particularly enjoyed the broad range of speakers and finding out more about the variety of work being undertaken at the moment. Details of the presentations can be found through the following link: www.skillsacademyforhealth.org.uk/content/past-events

We are currently looking at funding opportunities to develop frontline staff through the utilization of the Level 2 Public Health Awareness award and the possibilities for the Level 1 award within the local community. The current aim is to identify a pilot group to begin rolling out some of this work across the region. The SAfHEM will also be aiming to promote the utilisation of the Core Learning Unit module across the region. Further information about the work of the Academy can be obtained by contacting Christina Austin, Regional Manager for the Skills Academy for Health on 07826 917381 or at christina.austin@skillsforhealth.org.uk



Developing a regulatory pathway for Public Health Practitioners

In May 2009 a progress report was published by the UKPHR, on the national work being carried out to develop a regulatory pathway for public health practitioners. This included the results of the consultation on the draft standards for regulation and the proposal for a devolved assessment process. Individuals and groups from the East Midlands have contributed to the consultation which can be seen on the UKPHR website

www.publichealthregister.org.uk

A number of other work streams are taking place to support practitioner development including exploration of a prospective route to competence. Further details are available in the practitioner section on the faculty of Public Health website www.eastmidlandsdeanery.co.uk

Health Trainer Services in the East Midlands

Health Trainer Services are now active in, Derbyshire County, Nottingham City, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire Probation. Across the East Midlands we have over 145 Health Trainers and Health Champions and over 3,000 clients.

Each PCT has a variety of service models to meet the needs of their communities and the Health Trainers or Health Champions are placed in a variety of settings. Considerable work and development is underway in prisons, other probation areas, Derby City and Leicester City and in addition to this a Health Champion service has commenced in Derby Hospitals.

The East Midlands Health Trainer Hub will be producing a regional newsletter and launching their website in July -

www.emphasisnetwork.org.uk/healthtrainers.htm

A successful East Midlands Health Trainers Services event was held on 1 July where we heard a number of case stories and the achievements of the local services. The Health Trainers and Health Champions made an excellent contribution to the day and have achieved so much in their roles. Additional information on this event and the work happening in the local services will be contained within the newsletter and put onto the website.

For additional information on Health Trainers and Health Trainer development across the region please contact Elaine Varley (Elaine.varley@nhs.net).

Core Learning Unit: Introducing 'Public Health Awareness' E-Learning

On the 4th June the East Midlands Teaching Public Health Network hosted the regional launch the core learning unit "Introducing public health awareness" e-learning programme. Over fifty people attended the event from a range of organisations from across the East Midlands. The network welcomed Allison Thorpe Head of Public Health Workforce Development from the Department of Health who chaired the day and provided an overview on the national public health leadership and workforce programme and the strategic priorities for 2009/10. Kath Childs and Di Roffe gave the regional public health perspective highlighting the challenges for the local workforce.

Representatives from the core learning unit provided an introduction to the awareness programme with members of the Open University who developed the programme. The national priorities in public health are obesity, smoking, alcohol, mental well being and sexual health. It was highlighted that public health is everybody's business, not just the role of the public health team or the NHS. The core learning team explained that the Public Health Awareness online training programme will help learners to understand how they can contribute to improving:

- Their own health and the health of their families
- The health of colleagues and others in their organisation
- The health of patients and carers
- The health of people in their communities

The topics covered in the programme include; promoting public health, protecting people's health, food and health, physical activity, mental health and wellbeing and tackling unhealthy behaviours: alcohol and smoking.

The attendees had the opportunity to discuss with colleagues the use of the programme.

It is aimed at everyone working across health care and has been mapped to the KSF and Standards for Better Health. NHS staff can register on line for the programme at www.corelearningunit.com and is free to NHS Trust and PCT staff in England. A dedicated site containing this programme for social care staff is also available at www.socialcare.corelearning.com and is centrally funded for Social Care staff in England to access.



Registration on the Department of Health Business Management System

The Department of Health East Midlands would like to invite potential research partners on their Business Management System (BMS) in order to be alerted to opportunities to bid for small scale research briefs (typically £20k – 50k).

The registration on BMS is a two stage process. To register to become a DH supplier, please follow the link: https://www.showa.dh.gov.uk/OA_HTML/DHSupplierRegistration.jsp. Be aware that it is a two stage process. The first stage provides the password to move on through the system.

Please notice that in order to be invited to tender, organisations/partners need to be listed as suppliers on the Department of Health BMS System. Once registered, you will then be notified electronically when there is an invitation to tender opportunity and therefore preventing delay in responding.

Please note that if you would like to register to become a DH supplier it is very important that in addition to following the instructions in the link above you also alert the DH East Midlands team that you have registered as a supplier. This will enable them to ensure that you receive the invitation to tender.

Therefore once you have registered on the DH website to become a supplier please also ensure that you email your organisation name, contact details and the title of the tender opportunity in which you are interested to Sarah Hassell, Public Health Manager, Department of Health East Midlands, email address: sarah.hassell@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Recent events

16 – 18th June 2009, Faculty of Public Health Annual Conference, Scarborough

22nd June 2009, Smoking Cessation Conference, London

1st July 2009, East Midlands Health Trainer Services Network Event, Loughborough University

9th – 10th July 2009, SHOES – Sandwell Health's Other Economic Summit, event focusing on the credit crunch, poverty, welfare rights, time banks and health care. The Public, West Bromwich

Dates for your diary

7th October 2009, Launch of the East Midlands Communities for Health Network.

13th October 2009, Healthcare Workforce Deanery Interprofessional Learning Conference

27th January, 2010, East Midlands Teaching Public Health Network Stakeholder event

24th-25th March 2010, UKPHA Annual Public Health Conference, Bournemouth

Watch this space!

We are currently re-structuring our web site. It will soon contain a new section on Training and Development where you will be able to find information around all sorts of formal and informal initiatives that support training and development of public health skills across the East Midlands.

The web site will be re-launched formally at our Stakeholder event on the 27th January 2010.

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