



Hello again!

1/ Please find the Jun 2005 newsletter attached. This contains some details of what we worked on last month, and a chart showing hospital and community psychiatric nurses: whole-time-equivalent nurses per 100 000 population, by NHS board, Sep 2004.

2] As you are doubtless aware, a draft Mental Health Information Strategy for Scotland was circulated for consultation at the end of April this year. The consultation will run until 29 July 2005 and the consultation documents are available at http://www.isdscotland.org/imhip_MHIS. A series of five regional consultation events have been arranged in late Jun 2005 and details are available at http://www.isdscotland.org/imhip_MHIS. Only a few places remain at the Edinburgh and Glasgow events. So if you are able to travel to Ayr, Perth or Aberdeen you may find it less crowded.

3] A new edition (the Spring/Summer 2005 issue) of Well? magazine has been published. See http://www.wellontheweb.org/well/well_MainTemplate.jsp?pContentID=611&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show&. This contains details of progress made through activities of the National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Well-being in Scotland.

4] The National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Well-being are funding a series of training and development opportunities in mental health promotion, via NHS Health Scotland. Health Scotland has recently produced a series of evaluation guides for mental health improvement (see www.hebs.com/researchcentre/specialist/mhevidprog.cfm). To support the distribution and use of these guides, a half-day dissemination event is being offered along with a two-day "Mental Health Improvement Evaluation Training Plus" course. This course aims to give participants skills in the development and implementation of mental health improvement evaluation. Additionally, a "Training The Trainers Evidence Into Practice" one-day workshops is available. These workshops aim to equip colleagues who have a good existing understanding of mental health improvement with the skills to train others in evidence-based mental health improvement. Subject to demand, each event will be delivered in each health board area in Scotland between June 2005 and February 2006. All of these events are FREE. Please contact admin@sdcmh.org.uk for further information and to register an interest in attending.

5] A list of those appointed as legal, medical and general members of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland is now available at the mental health Tribunal for Scotland website. See www.mhtscot.org/ and click on panel members. Or visit http://80.75.66.189/mhts/mhts_dt_top_mainpage.jsp;jsessionid=9DE5F76C023B48961920345623211128?pContentID=22&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show& [if this long link breaks to two lines you may need to paste back together]

6] A Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Workforce Group is developing advice for the Scottish Executive on how to address a range of significant workforce planning issues. The group is concerned with the lack of current, reliable information on how many people work within NHS Scotland child and adolescent mental health services. A web-based system, similar to the NES-ISD psychology workforce data collection system, has therefore been developed to capture CAMHS Workforce data. This web-based system went live on 1st June and the deadline for data submission from all NHS Scotland CAMHS is 30th June. Please contact elizabeth.jamieson@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk for further information.

7] The Scottish Recovery Network (SRN) are delighted to have launched their website and are hopeful that over time the site will become a valuable tool in the drive to learn and share information about recovery. Features include the chance for people to share their own recovery story, information on the SRN narrative research project and a range of resources from SRN events. See www.scottishrecovery.net

8] The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) in the Scottish Executive Health Department has published a draft good practice guide on consent for health professionals in NHSScotland. See [http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/cmo/CMO\(2005\)02.pdf](http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/cmo/CMO(2005)02.pdf). If you wish to comment you'll need to be quick because responses must be made by 17 Jun 05.

9] As always, previous editions of the Improving Mental Health Information Programme newsletter are available at our web site (see <http://www.isdscotland.org/imhipnews>). The website (<http://www.isdscotland.org/imhip>) also includes details of all our projects and relevant policy links.

10] If you know anyone else who might be interested to receive this e-mailed newsletter once a month encourage them to sign-up by e-mailing karen.brown@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk. Why not forward them this e-mail to let them know this newsletter exists? We are particularly keen to improve our profile with service users and informal carers, and with GPs and practice team members (among others).

11] If at any time you wish to be removed from this distribution list, wish further information on any of our activities or have comments, however critical, about anything we say or do please get in touch (alastair.philp@nhs.net). We will only improve mental health information if we work together and keep talking!