



Hello again!

1/ Please find the October newsletter attached. This contains some details of what we have been up to this last month and a chart showing service roles undertaken by all clinical staff employed in psychology services in NHS Scotland 2003.

2/ The programme and application form for our iMHIP2004 conference are now available at our website

<http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/collect2.jsp?pContentID=3046>

75 People have already registered and we hope to see many more of you there (on 10 Nov 2004 at the Royal Society of Edinburgh in George Street in Edinburgh).

3/ The fifth edition of 'Well?' (the magazine of the Scottish Executive's National Programme for Improving the Mental Health and Well-Being of Scotland's Population) was published on 7 October. It "features a guest Editorial Team of young people to tell us, from their own perspective, about the mental health and mental illness issues that are important to them, and which affect them most in their day-to-day lives." For more details, and to download a copy or join their mailing list, see

http://www.wellontheweb.org/well/well_MainTemplate.jsp?pContentID=287&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show& [if this long link breaks to two lines you may need to paste it back together again].

4/ The fifth edition of the 'Reforming Mental Health Law' newsletter (from the Scottish Executive's team implementing the new Mental Health (Care and Treatment)(Scotland) Act 2003) is now available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/rmh15-00.asp>.

5/ The provisions in the Act covering named persons and advance statements came into effect on 4 October. Guidance booklets are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/mhgnp-00.asp> (named persons) and <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/mhgas-00.asp> (advance statements).

6/ The website for the Mental Health Tribunal in Scotland has been launched and is at

<http://www.mhtscot.org/>.

7/ The Scottish Executive Health Department have also published a number of documents that may be of interest:

* On Sharing information about children at risk: a brief guide to good practice. See

[http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/cmo/CMO\(2004\)19.pdf](http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/cmo/CMO(2004)19.pdf)

* On the establishment of a Learning Network for the Coordinators of Joint Local Implementation Plans (JLIPs) for the Mental Health (Care And Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003. See

<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/publications/DC20040930MentalJLIP.pdf>

8/ 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 pioneer local projects and relevant policy links.

9/ 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 alastair.philp@nhs.net. Why not forward them this e-mail to let them know it exists? We are particularly keen to improve our profile with GPs and practice team members. 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!