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1/ Please find the September newsletter attached. This contains some details of what we have been up to this last month and a chart showing "Average available staffed old age psychiatry beds per 100,000 population (aged 65+); by health board area of treatment: year ending 31 March 2003"



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2/ The programme for our iMHIP2004 conference is now available. I have also attached a one page document that outlines: where the conference will be held; when it is; who should attend; and why you should come. We hope to see many of you there on 10 Nov 2004 at the Royal Society of Edinburgh in George Street in Edinburgh. However, if previous years are any guide, places will fill fast and so early application is advised. You should find an application form attached to this e-mail. Applications should be made by post or by e-mail to karen.brown@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk using this form.



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3/ The reference group for the Improving Mental Health Information Programme is interested to add members who are practising mental health nurses, social workers, service users or occupational therapists. The group meets four times a year, usually in Edinburgh and travel expenses are available to service users. If you are interested to find out more please contact Alastair.philp@nhs.net.

4/ Advice has been issued by the Scottish Executive Health Department on Community Health Partnerships and integrated mental health services. For more details see http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/mels/HDL2004_37.pdf

5/ The Scottish Executive Health Department's Effective Interventions Unit have published *Integrated Care Pathways Guide 6: Drug Misuse in Acute Psychiatric Settings*. This guide sets out the processes involved in providing care and treatment to drug misusers within an acute psychiatric setting, which is consistent, evidence-based and appropriate to the needs of the individual. See http://www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org/eiu/pubs/eiu_079.htm.

6/ A consultation on NHS Scotland Carer Information Strategies has been published. Responses are invited by 28 October. The strategy seeks to ensure: routine identification of carers as part of mainstream NHS activity; the provision of targeted information to identified carers; referrals of carers by NHS staff to sources of support/advice; improved carer awareness amongst health practitioners; better partnership working with carers in relation to care management/discharge; and mainstreaming of support for carers into the day-to-day functions of the NHS. For more details see http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations/health/report_nhs_carers_info_strategy.pdf

7/ The Chief Scientist Office Annual Report for 2003/2004 has just been published. It contains a section on Mental Health as a research priority and reports the establishment of co-ordinated mental health research programmes. CSO currently spends around £1.5 million per annum on mental health research through its grant funding streams - nearly all through response mode grants - plus a further £3+ million on supporting mental health research infrastructure in NHSScotland. Comments on the proposed topics in the research programmes proposed are welcomed. For more details see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/csar-00.asp> or contact peter.craig@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

8/ NHS Education Scotland have unveiled a website developed to help health and social care professionals understand The Mental Health (Care & Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003. The site gives information on the Act and its related Code of Practice and provides a portal to other relevant sources that will help them better understand the effect the Act will have on their practice. See <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/mha>.

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

* On community hospitals. See <http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/publications/DC200408104commhosp.pdf>

* Guidance on care management in community care. See http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/publications/CC2004_08.pdf

* Addendum to circular PCS(SP)2003/5: new arrangements for clinical psychology trainees. See [http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/pcs/PCS2004\(SP\)05addendum.pdf](http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/pcs/PCS2004(SP)05addendum.pdf)

10/ As part of their Public Mental Health Programme the Mental Health Foundation are organising a virtual conference *Mental Health for All*. This will be held online (see visit <http://www.connects.org.uk/conferences>) on Thu 13 Jan 2005 from 1pm - 5pm. If you would be interested in submitting a paper, please email lynne.friedli@btopenworld.com by 15th September 2004. The deadline for completed papers is 15th November 2004. The conference provides an opportunity to consider what research, policy and action is needed to put mental wellbeing at the heart of the public health agenda. And aims to generate a series of recommendations on the research, policy and action needed to achieve greater recognition for the importance of public mental health. It is an opportunity for colleagues in all sectors to contribute to the debate about: why public mental health matters; what works to protect and enhance public mental health; and how success in promoting public mental health should be measured.

11/ A joint consultation paper '*Recommendations for Generic Data Standards for Care Information about People in Scotland*' from the National Clinical Dataset Development Programme (NCDDP) and the Scottish Social Care Data Standards Project (SCDS2) was issued to stakeholders on Friday 20th August 2004. The document contains recommended standards for the recording of generic information about any individual person, in a health or social care context. The paper, and further information can be found on the NCDD Programme website www.show.scot.nhs.uk/clinicaldatasets. If you would like to comment on this paper please respond to fiona.black@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk by Friday 8th October 2004.

12/ 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 (www.isdscotland.org/imhip) also includes details of pioneer local projects and relevant policy links. 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!

best wishes,

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