



Hello again!

- 1] Please find the **Aug 2005 newsletter** attached. This contains some details of what we worked on last month, and a chart showing **number of callers to Scotland's Breathing Space Support line, May 2005; by age and sex**.
- 2] The fourth annual **Improving Mental Health Information Programme Conference - iMHIP05** - will be held on 15 Nov 05 in Glasgow at The Lighthouse. The theme of the conference will be turning the vision expressed in A Mental Health Information Strategy for Scotland into action. The programme for the event and registration details will be available soon and will be circulated with the Sep 05 newsletter. We intend to include a series of ten minute presentations at the start of the meeting. These will be different perspectives on current experience (5 minutes; service user, informal care, care professional, service manager, voluntary agency, planner and policy maker) of life using the information we have now, and 5 minutes on how things might be like if we had the improved information imagined in the Mental health Information Strategy for Scotland. If you would be interested to give such a presentation, or would like to suggest someone you think would be an engaging speaker please contact alastair.philp@nhs.net.
- 3] We attach a **one page summary** of the programme's purpose, what we are doing, how and when.
- 4] ISD's **Quality Improvement Programme** promotes the use of Scotland's national health data to improve quality of care. A series of bulletins are being published to inform you about the programme, as well as other work going on in ISD to support quality improvement in health care in Scotland. Each issue highlights a particular topic. The theme of the most recent (July) edition is Statistical Process Control (SPC) charts. For more details see <http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/indicators/IQIbulletinJuly05.pdf>.
- 5] A **consultation on Child Health Generic Data Standards** has been launched by the National Clinical Dataset Development Programme (see <http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/clinicaldatasets>). The consultation document is available at <http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/clinicaldatasets/Datasets/child%20health.htm>. The deadline for feedback is Friday 16 September 2005. If you require any further information about the consultation, or the work of the National Clinical Dataset Development Programme please contact barbara.iwinska@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk.
- 6] The **Journal of Primary Care Mental Health and Education** (Primhe Journal) is now web-enabled and available for downloading, free of charge upon registration, as from July 2005. To download the current, or a previous, issue of the Journal please go <http://www.primhe.org/markup/publicat-prmjnl.cfm>.
- 7] The fourth in a series of reports concerned with **workforce planning for psychology** services in NHS has been published. The report presents data to describe the characteristics of the psychology workforce at 30th September 2004. In total there were 437 Clinical Psychologists (389.13wte) and 34 Applied Psychologists (29.47wte) employed in NHS Scotland at that date. For more details, and to download your own copy of the report visit http://www.isdscotland.org/wf_psychology
http://www.isdscotland.org/wf_psychology.
- 8] The Registrar General for Scotland has published in his Annual Report for 2004 the **official statistics for cause of death due to intentional self harm** (suicide). See <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/annrep/rgs-annual-review-2004/index.html>. As his press release makes clear, "There were 606 deaths classified as suicide ("intentional self-harm") in 2004, 46 more than in 2003." This excludes deaths (229 in 2004, 234 in 2003) due to

events of undetermined intent, which are usually included for international comparisons. For more details see <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/vital-events-reference-tables-2004/section-6-deaths-causes.html> (2004 data) and <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/03reference-tables/03reference-table6.html> (2003 data). [these long web addresses may break to two lines: if they do you'll need to paste them back together].

9] Between 22 Aug and 9 Sep, the e-Library Knowledge Networks Team will be coming to a venue near you to explain the benefits of **Managed Knowledge Networks** and demonstrate the tools that support them. There will be plenty of opportunity for supported "hands-on" sessions using these tools, followed by an interactive session on how healthcare staff can use these tools to support team working. Workshops run from 11:00am until 3:30pm, and lunch is provided! Visit http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk/portal/upload/MKNworkshop_valid_9sep05.pdf (or e-mail mkn@nes.scot.nhs.uk) to learn more and http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk/portal/elib/Upload/MKNworkshop_valid_9sep05_booking.doc to book a place.

10] The **Scottish Recovery Network** have updated their web site (<http://www.scottishrecovery.net>) to include details of a "networking event" on pathways to health, bursaries to attend a conference on performing (in New York), "pathways to new recovery" posters, a seminar on the tidal model (including experience from Glasgow; Aug 23 in Dundee), and a downloadable audio version of Fran Silvestri's talk on leadership and recovery, given at the first SRN seminar in May. For more details visit <http://www.scottishrecovery.net/content/default.asp?page=s7>.

11] The Scottish Executive have published a consultation document titled "**Protecting vulnerable adults: securing their safety**". To download a copy visit <http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/publications/DC20050707vulnerable%20adults.pdf>. Responses are requested by Fr 23 Sep 05 and should be addressed to anne.dagg@scotland.gsi.gov.uk [<mailto:anne.dagg@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>](mailto:anne.dagg@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

12] A paper titled "**Ritalin (methylphenidate) in schools**-A briefing Paper for Drug Education Practitioners" has been published by DrugScope and is available at <http://www.drugscope.org.uk/uploads/projects/documents/ritalin.pdf>.

13] Several documents are now available from the **Mental Health Law Research Programme** at the Scottish Executive:

- a) Analysis of responses to the consultation on the draft Code of Practice and proposed regulations accompanying the new Mental Health Act. See <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/07/15132603> for the full report and <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/07/15132530> for a summary.
- b) Update of previous reviews of mental health legislation, including the perspectives of all stakeholder groups. See <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/07/1595204> for the full report, <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/07/15134504> for a summary and <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/07/1595339> for an annotated bibliography that accompanies the review of literature relating to mental health legislation.

14] A MORI survey, **Public Knowledge and Attitudes to Social Work in Scotland**, was published by the 21st Century Social Work Review in mid July. It found that the profession has a broadly positive profile in Scotland and highlights recognition that the demand for social services is set to increase significantly in the future. The 21st Century Social Work Review Group is due to make its final recommendations to Ministers this autumn. A full copy of the survey, and details of the work of the review are available at their website: <http://www.21socialwork.org.uk>.

15] An updated version of **Understanding the Policy Maze** has been published by NHS Health Scotland. This publication provides a comprehensive overview of recent policies and health-related initiatives emanating from the Scottish Executive, Westminster and the European Union which impact on the design and delivery of social and health improvement activity in Scotland. See <http://www.hebs.com/policymaze/PolicyMaze.pdf> (but beware

- it's 258 pages; paper copies can be obtained from publications@health.scot.nhs.uk)

16] Extraction difficulties that were affecting submission of the psychiatric discharge record (SMR04) from several NHS board areas using the PiMS computer system have now been resolved.

17] 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.

18] 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). 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! **In particular is this e-mail now getting too long?**

best wishes,

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