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## Research News & Information

- **Substance use research; drugs and drug services among black and minority ethnic groups.**

The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA) has just published 5 reports by Professor Jane Fountain on issues surrounding drug use and drug services among different ethnic populations in England (South Asian; Black African; Black Caribbean; Kurdish, Turkish Cypriot and Turkish; and Chinese and Vietnamese). These are the results of the *Department of Health's Black and minority ethnic drug misuse needs assessment project* that was conducted in three phases during 2000-2001, 2004-2005, and 2006. In this project, 179 Black and minority ethnic community organisations were trained and supported by UCLan to conduct needs assessments among their own communities, using the Community Engagement Model. The total sample size across the 5 reports is 18,715.

The NTA has published these reports alongside its own report of good practice in diversity and says *'This is the first detailed investigation into knowledge of drugs and drug services among a range of black and minority ethnic groups in England... The NTA endorses these reports and is grateful to UCLAN for its insights, which have been incorporated into the annual needs assessment and treatment planning process'*. The reports are available at

<http://www.nta.nhs.uk/publications/publications.aspx?CategoryID=0>

The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA) is a special health authority within the NHS, established by Government in 2001 to improve the availability, capacity and effectiveness of treatment for drug misuse in England. Treatment reduces the harms caused by drug misuse to individuals, public health, and community safety. The Home Office estimates that there are approximately 332,000 problem drug misusers in England. The NTA has achieved the Department of Health's targets to: double the number of people in treatment between 1998 and 2008, increase the percentage of those successfully completing or appropriately continuing treatment year on year. It is now in the front-line of a cross-Government drive to reduce the harm caused by drugs. Among the indicators that make up this new target will be a new measurement of the number of people in effective treatment. Our task is to improve the quality of treatment in order to maximize the benefit to individuals, families and communities. The NTA works in partnership with national, regional and local agencies to: (1) ensure the efficient use of public funding to support effective, appropriate and accessible local services (2) promote evidence-based and coordinated practice, by distilling and disseminating best practice (3) improve performance by developing standards for treatment, promoting user and carer involvement, and expanding and developing the drug treatment workforce, (4) monitor and develop the effectiveness of treatment.

#### ■ New from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

Social care hit the front page last month (July) with the publication of the Green Paper, *Shaping the Future of Care Together*. The recession makes it a challenging time to have a debate with the public about the long term funding of care, but that makes it even more important to ensure the issue does not fade away. SCIE wishes to encourage all stakeholders to take part in the consultation. **Further details on the care debate are available online.** How care is funded is, however, just one part of the story. What care and support is provided in the future is also crucial. SCIE will continue to build up the evidence about what works in order to help people to innovate and improve. To this end, SCIE has recently launched a series of briefings on personalisation and its implications for specific groups including home care providers, carers, housing providers and commissioners. In July SCIE launched a

guide to parental health and child welfare - think child, think parent, think family. The family model calls on adult services to ensure that the needs of the whole family are considered in any assessment of a parent's mental health support needs.

For a summary of key stories and resources, read the latest edition of SCIEline newsletter:

[http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/newsletters/scielinejul09.pdf?dm\\_i=4O5,1K57,UW1EF,4RQ6,1](http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/newsletters/scielinejul09.pdf?dm_i=4O5,1K57,UW1EF,4RQ6,1)

## Funding Opportunities

### ■ NISCHR Health and Social Care Studentship Scheme - NOW OPEN

Applications are invited under the 2009 call of the NISCHR Social Care Studentship Scheme. There is no closing date for applications. Applications will be processed as they are received and the call will close once all available studentships have been awarded. WORD expects a high number of applications and so it is likely that the places will be filled within a short period of time. Applications should come from supervisors with named students in mind. All studentships awarded under this call must start within the current (2009-10) financial year. For further details and application forms please contact: [WORD@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK](mailto:WORD@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK)

### ■ Bupa Foundation Philip Poole-Wilson Seed Corn Fund

The maximum award is 20,000GBP and it is expected that activities funded would be completed within a year. To nurture new research ideas, the new Philip Poole-Wilson Seed Corn Fund will consider exploratory/pilot research projects in any of the Foundation's areas of interest:

- \* surgery
- \* preventive medicine and epidemiology
- \* health information and communication between patients and health professionals
- \* health at work
- \* mental health of older people

If you are a health care professional involved in research or university based researcher with an interest in health or social care with a great idea for new research in one of these areas, you can apply for a grant to help you develop your ideas. This could be to support pilot work, for example, or to bring together a team of people to work on a proposal.

Website: <https://grants.bupafoundation.co.uk>

Deadline for receipt of applications: 31 August 2009, 31 March 2010, 30 September 2010.

■ **Marjorie Simpson New Researcher Award - RCN 2010 annual international nursing research conference.**

The award, sponsored by Journal of Advanced Nursing, is available to new or inexperienced researchers, currently undertaking a postgraduate course of study leading to a higher degree (MSc, MPhil, PhD). The award is a free place at the RCN annual international nursing research conference, and will cover the cost of the conference fees, conference accommodation and up to 100GBP travel costs.

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/research2010>

Closing date for applications: 31 October 2009

■ **Research Bursaries for Clinicians and Professions Allied to Medicine, Cancer Research UK**

Funding up to 25,000GBP

To encourage clinicians and those in related professions to undertake short periods of research in order to enhance the understanding between the research and clinical communities; to especially encourage nurses to undertake a period of research, particularly if they are considering a further career in research and intend to submit an application for PhD study at a later date.

Website: <http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/Queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantId=6686>

Deadline 4 September 2009

## Events

## ■ AN INTRODUCTION TO CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION

21st September 2009, 9.30am - 4.00pm, Children in Wales, 25 Windsor Place, Cardiff and 19th November 2009, 9.30am - 4.00pm, North Wales, venue to be confirmed.

This programme has been developed for all practitioners who work with children and young people in the statutory, voluntary and independent sectors including social care, health, education and public protection services.

For further information call us on 029 2034 2434 or Email:

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## ■ Age Concern - Creative Wellbeing Conference - 27/28 October 2009 Cophthorne Hotel, Cardiff

This conference is a collaboration between the Ageing Well Network and the Gwanwyn festival of arts and creativity for older people, both supported and developed by Age Concern Cymru and Help the Aged in Wales. This interactive and participative event will seek to encourage a consideration of the benefit to wellbeing in older people of art and creative expression and offer the chance to share information and learn about new opportunities and programmes to enhance health, wellbeing and happiness in older age. This will be an ideal chance for organisations working with older people to explore the work being done by others in the field and to build new contacts and partnerships through formal and informal networking.

Topics to be addressed at the conference are:

- PR and marketing, monitoring and evaluation
- Sharing good practice
- Partnership working with the National Public Health Service
- How to evaluate projects and capture anecdotal evidence
- Demonstrations and performances from current projects
- Using Wii and other technology for ageing well activities
- Nutrition/food and mood
- Older carers
- Singing workshops/sessions in homes/day centres etc
- Intergenerational projects - centre activities and resource implications

- Lifelong learning opportunities
- Opportunity to explore funding sources
- Working together to survive the recession.

**Day One** will focus on the work of groups that contribute to the health and wellbeing of older people through provision of community-based local services and information.

**Day Two** will focus on the work of groups that use the arts to make the lives of older people productive and enjoyable. We are sure that there will be much to be gained by all who attend the conference in seeing the various ways we contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of older people in Wales.

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## Job opportunities

### ■ Mind Cymru

#### **Policy and Social Inclusion Officer**

£29,317 per annum plus benefits, 35 hours per week, based in Cardiff

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our Influence and Change Team. The aim of this role is to put mental health at the centre of NHS reform in Wales through lobbying on legislation and strategic policy, preparing briefings and responding to consultations on relevant policy issues. You will play a major part in strengthening Mind Cymru's reputation with Assembly Members, policy makers and civil servants, the media in Wales while ensuring your work is informed by a diverse range of people with direct experience of mental distress. You will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of devolved legislative procedures including local, regional and national government structures in Wales. You will possess excellent communication skills, strong experience of working proactively with the media and a keen interest in mental health. To apply online, please visit <http://www.mind.org.uk>

If you have difficulties downloading, please call 020 8215 2289 (24 hour answer

phone). Closing date for completed applications: 4pm, 12 August 2009. Shortlisting date: 17 August 2009. Expected interview date (taking place in Cardiff): 21 August 2009. Mind is an equal opportunity employer

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