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Research News & Information

■ Race For Health - New Good Practice Guide Launched

On October 19th, Chief Executives and Chairs of leading NHS trusts, PCTs and Strategic Health Authorities, attended a summit to discuss ways to improve race equality in health. The keynote speaker at the Race for Health summit, Cynthia Bower, Chief Executive of the new Care Quality Commission (the NHS regulator) noted that 'The NHS has a legal responsibility to promote race equality and tackle discrimination, both as an employer and as a provider or commissioner of health services. Even so, studies continue to show that people from minority ethnic groups have more difficulty accessing healthcare, and, when they do, the experience and the outcomes for them are not as good as for other people' The workshop particularly drew attention to the need to reduce the incidence of conditions such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some cancers which disproportionately affect some black and minority ethnic (BME) communities. Many of these topics are highlighted by the NHS Evidence Annual Evidence Update 'editorials'.

Coinciding with the Summit, Race for Health has also published a new guide entitled 'Leading Action on Race Equality in Health'. The 44-page guide distils the legislative, policy and regulatory imperatives for taking action on race equality and sets out good practice from the 21 Primary Care Trusts that are members of the programme, and other sources. [\[download pdf\]](#)

■ Exclusion on grounds of language ability - a reporting gap in health services research?

A review looking at the exclusion of potential participants for research study's due to language ability. 207 articles published in the BMJ between 2003 and 2004 were included in the review. Link to abstract: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17925071>

■ Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

Website: <http://www.scie.org.uk/>

SCIE's aim is to improve the experience of people who use social care by developing and promoting knowledge (gathered from diverse sources and a broad range of people and organizations) about good practice in the sector. Recent updates include:

- i) Report 24: Personalisation and learning disabilities: A review of evidence on advocacy and its practice for people with learning disabilities and high support needs. Advocacy services for people with learning disabilities have grown and developed over the past 30 years. However, research indicates that people with high support needs are less likely to benefit from these services than others with a learning disability. SCIE's new report looks at methods of advocacy that work well for people with high support needs and provides guidance on how services can ensure that everyone has equal access to support, whatever their level of need.
- ii) At a glance 13: Personalisation briefing - implications for voluntary sector service providers. The managers of voluntary/third sector service providers have a critical leadership role to play in ensuring a personalised approach to social care service delivery and in monitoring person-centred outcomes for the individuals using the services. This "At a glance" briefing examines the implications of the personalisation agenda for voluntary sector service providers.
- iii) At a glance 12: Personalisation briefing - implications for advocacy workers. Real choice and control depends on people having the right information to take decisions, and on getting support if it is needed. The role of advocates will therefore become more important as the transformation of social care gathers pace. This "At a glance" briefing examines the implications of the personalisation agenda for advocacy workers.

Funding Opportunities

■ Tender - Good Practice Guide: Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC).

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) intends to commission an individual or an organisation to develop a good practice guide for practitioner researchers. The good practice guide will provide future CWDC Practitioner Lead Research (PLR) applicants as well as others undertaking similar research with guidance on how to produce high quality work and reports.

The project will run from January 2010 until March 2010.

Closing date: 2/12/2009

Further information: Tenders tenders@cwdcouncil.org.uk

■ Tender: Impact of Research? Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC)

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC), in partnership with Research in Practice (RiP), is commissioning a scoping study. The study will identify how research on workforce issues has been used to evidence practice in the children and young people's workforce.

The team appointed must have a strong track record in research and evaluation and experience of carrying out similar work.

Closing date: 18/11/2009

Further information: Tenders: tenders@cwdcouncil.org.uk

■ The Health Foundation's Shine award for innovation

Shine is our new annual award focusing on innovation. This year's Shine challenge is: find new approaches to delivering healthcare that will both improve quality and save money. We're looking for examples of smart thinking from across the health service. For our part, we'll provide the resource to make it happen, ensure that successful innovations receive national recognition and promote the most effective innovations to policy-makers and NHS leaders. We're looking to invest 75,000 GBP in each of 18 teams from across the health service: commissioning, primary care,

acute care, mental health and beyond. We're seeking people with the best innovative ideas and the skills to put together an innovations trial to develop and test that thinking. Website: <http://snipurl.com/sli8i> [www_health_org_uk]

Closing date for applications: 02 November 2009

■ Fellowships/Studentships

PhD Studentships, Institute for Health Research, Swansea University

2 fully funded full-time PhD studentships

i) Exploring Journeys for Older People with Cancer in South West Wales, funded by Tenovus in Wales. ii) The field of Health Economics, funded by the Welsh Assembly Government. Website: <http://www.swan.ac.uk/scholarships/research/>

Closing date for applications: 6 November 2009

■ MRC: Clinical Research Training Fellowship

The next round of the Medical Research Council/Welsh Assembly Government Clinical Research Training Fellowship will close in January 2010.

The MRC and the Welsh Assembly fund two of these clinical research training fellowships per year. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed research will contribute to the development and delivery of high quality health care in Wales. Applications from Wales are encouraged, as are those which address prevention and risk, mental health, care of the elderly, the management if chronic disease or the health of children. Please click the link below for details and access to guidance notes/application forms:

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Jointlyfundedclinicalresearchtraining/index.htm#P92_10252

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Events

■ Healthy Eating for all the Family

Mewn Cymru present a course designed to introduce the participants to the concept of Healthy Eating for all of the family and how to overcome some issues that they

might face. It will be predominantly a practical course involving a hands on approach in the kitchen. It is also designed to initiate group discussion and will be tailored to the needs of each particular group that is being taught at any one time.

This course shall run on a Wednesday from 12.30-2.30pm starting on Wednesday 14th October and shall run until 16th December.

For more information please contact us: Mewn Cymru, Mount Stuart Square Cardiff CF10 5EE, Tel: 02920 464445.

■ RCN 2010 annual international nursing research conference - call for papers

11 - 13 May 2010, The Sage Gateshead, Newcastle Gateshead, North East England, UK. The RCN Research Society is pleased to announce the 2010 International Nursing Research conference to be held at the Sage, Gateshead, in North East England. This is the annual showcase conference of the RCN Research Society and is organised in association with the RCN Northern Research Society Steering Group, Durham University, Newcastle University, North East Strategic Health Authority, Northumbria University, University of Sunderland and University of Teesside. This year the event coincides with International Nurses Day on 12 May. Every year on this day, nurses across the globe celebrate nurses and nursing in memory of Florence Nightingale who died in 1910. Alongside a dynamic scientific programme, the 2010 conference will include additional centenary events that reflect Florence Nightingale's contribution to patient care and research.

Confirmed keynote speakers are Professor Alan Pearson, Professor Huw Davies and Professor Christine Norton. Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/research2010>
Deadline for the receipt of abstracts is 2nd November 2009.

■ CHILDREN IN WALES ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM 24th & 25th Nov 2009, Christchurch Centre, Newport. Rights, Indicators and Outcomes: measuring the wellbeing of children and young people in Wales.

This year it is 20 years since Member States drew up the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. What difference has the Convention made to the wellbeing of children and young people in Wales? Are we using the best indicators to measure progress against the rights set out in the Convention? How

can we effectively translate the indicators into the measurement of local outcomes for children and young people in Wales resulting from the Children & Young People's plans? Delegates will be introduced to up-to-date information on indicators and outcomes at an international and national level. There will be an opportunity for discussion as to how we all rise to the challenge of ensuring that the needs and wellbeing of children are met in the present financial climate. Please visit the website for further information or to book a place

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/11840.html>

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