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Information Resources

Launch of the Candle Resource: CAMHS and new directions in Learning Disability and Ethnicity

The Candle Project has been a Dept of Health project undertaken by ARC (the Association for Real Change - www.arcuk.org.uk). The finished resource from the work of the project is now available to all after its launch at the National Learning Disability and Ethnicity Network Conference in London today (16th April).

The Candle Resource offers guidance and resources for Tier 1 (frontline) staff working with children and young people who have a learning disability and mental health issues. It is a large resource covering the key areas of Mental Health, Learning Disability, Ethnicity and Transition. It will be of use in a range of settings and services and focuses on practical steps people can take to promote and maintain mental health and what to do if there are concerns. It makes the links between an individual's development, their culture, their lifestyle, their environment and their mental health.

The resource is easy to use and offers guidance that can be used in a number of ways, these include:

- A pick up and read¹ resource for teams and individuals facing general or specific problems.
- A tool for discussion within team meetings or with other professionals.
- For individual personal development and training.
- Developing a training programme for staff.
- A signpost to other resources and material that will assist staff.
- A signpost to other organisations and government departments involved in CAMHS provision

The Candle Resource is free to download from the Clear Thoughts website <<http://www.clearthoughts.info>> follow the link from the homepage.

For more information about either Candle or Clear Thoughts please get in touch with the Project Worker - David Grundy david.grundy@arcuk.org.uk

The Stroke Association

Every year, an estimated 150,000 people in the UK have a stroke. Most people affected are over 65, but anyone can have a stroke, including children and even babies. A stroke is the third most common cause of death in the UK. It is also a leading cause of severe adult disability. More than 250,000 people live with disabilities caused by stroke.

The stroke association website <http://www.stroke.org.uk/information/> tells you all about strokes - what causes them, the effects that they can have, how they can be prevented and how they are treated. It also tells you how the stroke association can help you if stroke

affects your life. The stroke association also produces a range of publications on stroke issues and information leaflets about stroke which can be downloaded or ordered. The stroke association subscribes to language line, a telephone interpreting Service. This enables callers to talk to helpline operators in 170 different Languages and get information in their own language through an interpreting service. To find out more, contact the stroke helpline: 0845 3033 100.

Sickle Cell Disease in Jamaica

Published in *Rural and Remote Health*.

'Quality of life in patients with sickle cell disease in Jamaica: rural-urban differences'

The world's population became more urban than rural for the first time in 2007. Economic changes can drive rapid population shifts in nations such as Jamaica. Rural residents are perceived to have better quality of life, compared to urban residents in this most common genetic disorder in Jamaica. A link to view the entire article is available from the abstract page: <http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=890>.

Race for Health Peer Review Visit to Liverpool PCT.

The outcome paper for Race for Health Peer Review Visit to Liverpool PCT (January 2008), is now available on the Race for Health website. The Race for Health programme has been running PCT Peer Review Visits for some months now and these visits have proved to be a highly effective way of engaging with PCTs on a particular topic and challenging the thinking and working around it. The Liverpool Peer Review focussed on the needs of BME service users with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), in particular: schizophrenia, bipolar and psychosis. In line with the performance indicators for the Race for Health programme, the key questions for the review were around the following.

- How Patient Profiling support health needs assessment to inform commissioning decisions, and can the barriers it encounters be overcome.
- How other models/methods of establishing ethnicity (and other indicators of diversity) complement Patient Profiling and inform commissioning.
- How GP practice based disease registers be used to establish health needs across a range of conditions, and support monitoring of the RfH KPIs.
- How the role of the Community Development Workers complement health needs assessment, and improve the access of BRM communities to mainstream mental health services.
- How this work helped the Liverpool PCT to meet the needs of BRM service users with depression and severe mental illness more effectively, and what further improvements could the PCT make

To read the outcome paper, please click on the following link below.

http://www.raceforhealth.org/events_archive.php?id=306&src=rfhonly

Research Report:

Domestic Violence & Poverty Experienced by South Asian Women with No Recourse to Public Funds

You may be interested in a report '*Forgotten Women: Domestic Violence, Poverty and South Asian Women with No Recourse to Public Funds*' which has recently been published by Saheli (Manchester), a specialist domestic violence service.

This research is based on 30 qualitative interviews with South Asian women in the North West and Yorkshire regions of England who are survivors of domestic violence and have no entitlement to public funds because of their immigration status as recent marriage migrants. It also draws upon the responses to a self-completion questionnaire by eight

specialist refuges in England. It is the first research to document the experience of this vulnerable group of women and aims to provide the evidence base for a change in policy.

This study was funded by Oxfam, with additional contributions from the Care Services Improvement Partnership, University of Huddersfield and The Manchester Partnership.

A hard copy of the full report is available for purchase at the cost of £15 - all funds from the sale of this report will go to Saheli's Crisis Fund and will be used to support women with no recourse to public funds. Free print publication:

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/papers/free_print_copy.html

Barefoot' Health Workers Project

The Project was implemented from February 2001 to September 2007 and focused on working with the African Caribbean, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Somali and Yemeni communities of south Cardiff.

The report highlights the breadth of the work implemented and the successes achieved. Findings of the Project will be presented during a parallel session at the Faculty of Public Health Conference in June 2008.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the work of the Project, please contact me on 029 20556029 or susan.toner@nphs.wales.nhs.uk.

'Are You Really Listening?'

This booklet was put together with the intention of it being used as a resource in two ways:

1. With minority ethnic communities themselves to support an understanding about mental health problems and to tackle the stigma often associated with such problems within communities
2. With staff working in organisations as an awareness raising and training resource to enhance understanding about peoples' experiences of mental health problems, stigma and discrimination in the context of ethnicity, race and culture

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New from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

Resource guide 10: Commissioning and providing mental health advocacy for African and Caribbean men

This online guide gives commissioners and providers information about how to ensure effective mental health advocacy services are available for African and Caribbean men. It highlights how mental health community development workers can identify local needs and feed this into commissioning. Commissioners can use the guide to plan holistic advocacy provision, including planning for the new role of independent mental health act advocates (IMHAs).

Visit: <http://www.scie.org.uk/rg10>

Practice guide 9: Dignity in care - new section on dignity within the law

We have updated our existing Dignity in care practice guide. The new section helps practitioners and commissioners of health and social care services to understand the way legislation protects people's rights to be treated with dignity. Visit

<http://www.scie.org.uk/pg09>

Helping you through your hospital stay

Written and developed in partnership with older people, this booklet covers a comprehensive range of issues including how to prepare for a hospital stay, what to expect from staff, and how to manage leaving hospital. The booklet will be useful to older people, their carers, and health and social care professionals. Local information and contacts are important, so we have made the artwork for the booklet available online for you to download, personalise and brand with your own information, and print.

Visit: <http://www.scie.org.uk/hospitaldischarge>

Knowledge review 18: 'Necessary stuff' - The social care needs of children with complex health care needs and their families

This knowledge review identifies what is known about the social care needs of children with complex health care needs and their families, and about the services designed to meet those needs.

Visit: <http://www.scie.org.uk/kr18>

Research briefing 23: Stress and resilience factors in parents with mental health problems and their children

This briefing focuses on factors contributing to either stress or resilience in families where one or both parents have mental health problems. It considers the position of parents and children focusing upon issues of stress or resilience arising from individual and 'informal' sources.

Visit: <http://www.scie.org.uk/briefing23>

Funding News

WALES OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: Research Funding Scheme (RFS)

The RFS is an annual grant scheme which promotes research and evaluation activity in health and social care in Wales. It forms part of a commitment to assist career researchers while increasing high quality research in Wales that supports key policy development needs. The Research Funding Scheme is open to a wide range of organisations and researchers from the voluntary, public and private sectors. All applicants must be based at Welsh institutions or organisations.

The call for 2008 is expected to be announced April 2008. If you wish your details to be added to our emailing list so you receive information on future funding opportunities please send an email to the email address below.

For further information please contact Robert Edwards or Andy Privett at the following address:

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NEW DYNAMICS OF AGEING (NDA): a cross-council research programme.

FOURTH CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The New Dynamics of Ageing is a seven year multidisciplinary research programme concerned with improving the quality of life of older people. The ESRC, EPSRC, BBSRC, MRC and AHRC invite proposals within the programme. The programme aims to develop practical policy and implementation guidance and novel science and technological responses to help older people enjoy better quality lives. <http://www.newdynamics.group.shef.ac.uk/>

The Call

Approximately £3 million (100% FEC) in total is available from ESRC, EPSRC, MRC, BBSRC and AHRC under this call for proposals, subject to the quality of the research proposed.

Applications are invited from all communities covered by the sponsoring Research Councils. Outline applications can be made for Programme Grants proposing research from any area within the full Programme specification but the Research Councils are particularly keen to encourage applications from the BBSRC and AHRC communities. While multidisciplinary applications are still welcomed, this call also encourages proposals from single disciplines that fall within the scope of the NDA programme. Applications should highlight the potential contribution of the research to the improvement of quality of life or the promotion of user engagement.

SDO CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Management Practice in Healthcare Organisations

The SDO Programme wishes to commission research on several themes concerned with management practice in healthcare organisations.

Ref: MP241 - Management practice in healthcare organisations; a maximum of £3.5m is available for research in this area. Projects may be of up to three years' duration and funded to a maximum of £450,000 per project. Projects are expected to start in January 2009. The application process will be in two stages with an invitation to submit outline proposals at this stage.

Applicants are asked to submit outline proposals by 1pm, Wednesday 11 June 2008.

Technology Adoption in Healthcare Organisations

The SDO Programme wishes to commission research in the area of technology management in healthcare organisations.

Ref: TA248 - Technology adoption in the NHS and Ref: TA253 - National Technology Adoption Hub; there will be approximately £1.6 million available for research in these areas. Projects of up to three years' duration may be funded to a maximum of £450,000 per project although more may be available for innovative research that examines the role and impact of the National Technology Adoption Hub (TA253). It is anticipated that in total up to four projects will be commissioned. The application process for TA248 will be in two stages, with an invitation to submit outline proposals at this stage. Projects are expected to start in January 2009. The application process for TA253 will be via one stage with an invitation to submit full proposals at this stage. Projects are expected to start in November 2008.

TA248 - applicants are asked to submit outline proposals by 1pm, Tuesday 10 June 2008.
TA253 - applicants are asked to submit full proposals by 1pm, Thursday 12 June 2008.

Application Process

All applicants must submit proposals online using the SDO electronic Commissioning and Appraisal System (eCAS) which can be accessed via the SDO website:
www.sdo.lshtm.ac.uk/ecashome.html.

DEFRA

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is offering various Research Competitions, covering both calls for proposals and expressions of Interest. Further details of calls and deadlines: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/science/funding/competitions.htm>

FoNS

Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) Small Projects Programme - Special Focus: Supporting Developments in Practice to Improve Fundamental Aspects of Care. Applications are welcomed from nurse-led teams working in any healthcare setting UK-wide. Deadline: 23rd May 2008. For details: <http://www.health.heacademy.ac.uk/news-events/newsbox/2008/fons%20small%20projects%20programme>

ACP-EU

The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States & European Union (ACP-EU) Cooperation Programme in Higher Education are calling for proposals for the EDULINK Programme. The deadline for submission of proposals is 18 June 2008. Details: <http://www.acp-edulink.eu/APPLY.html>

Marie Curie

Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development. Deadline: 19 August 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time). For more information on submission, go to: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=usersite.FP7DetailsCallPage&ACT_CODE=PEOPLE&CALL_ID=118

New Investigator Awards

Deadline: 2nd June 2008

Research into Ageing, UK

Research into Ageing invites applications for its new investigator awards. These support researchers planning to make a long-term career in ageing research. Grants are worth up to £50,000 and provide short-term flexible funding for salary and consumables, or for teaching support enabling the applicant to free up time for research. Candidates should hold a PhD, with a minimum of three and a maximum of 10 years' research experience and be within the initial three years of their first academic appointment. Applicants must be based in the UK at a university, medical school, teaching hospital or similar institution.

See http://www.researchresearch.com/jump.cfm/fop/EN/_/194443

Events

'Race, Culture and Psychological Perspectives' Conference - by Ethnic Health Initiative (EHI).

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Cardiff Carers - A Branch of Carers UK

ANNUAL MEETING 1 MAY 2008

To be held at Shire Hall Care Home, off Dumballs Road, Cardiff Bay at 6.30 pm with guest speaker at 7pm.

The guest speaker, Victoria Yeakes, senior lecturer in law at the University of Glamorgan, has a particular interest in the law relating to Carers and will be talking about Carers' Rights. She is a carer herself and has given evidence to Parliament and the Welsh Assembly.

Cardiff Carers extend a cordial welcome to anyone who is caring or who has an interest in carers' issues. If you are a working carer, you may be especially interested in our speaker's topic. Over refreshments, there will be opportunity to meet with other carers.

For further information or directions, please contact Mary Marsh, Tel: 029 2048 7635

Vacancies

Research Associate - 2008/0282

Social Sciences, Cardiff University

Reference:2008/0282

Closing date:14 May 2008

Type:Academic Research and Senior

Salary:£27466 - £32796 per annum. (Grade 6).

To contribute to the development of the Public Health Improvement Research Network (PHIRN) and working in collaboration with other members of the CRC Cymru network, to identify and develop research projects in the area of public health improvement.

Based in the Cardiff Institute of Society, Health and Ethics, you will contribute to one of the 5 newly funded Public Health Research Centres of Excellence supported by the UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC).

The Centre for the Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement (DECIPHer) will bring together experts from a range of disciplines to tackle public health issues including diet and nutrition, physical activity, and alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

There will be a particular focus on developing and testing interventions that will have an impact on the health and health behaviours of children and young people. The Centre will receive up to £5m over 5 years to create new academic posts and develop strong training and career development programmes. The Centre will engage strongly with policy, practice and public user communities.

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/jobs/academic/20080282-140508.html>

Secondment opportunities

Are you interested in working at the heart of government? Are you interested in peoples' views? Have you got good team working skills? The Office of the Chief Social Research Officer in the Welsh Assembly Government are looking for bright and enthusiastic people to join them on a secondment basis to help them deliver a new cross-cutting research programme. For more information, see the attached advert...

Office of The Chief Social Research Officer - Senior Research Officer, Research Officer and Project Support Secondment Opportunities

Pay Band Range: Senior Research Officer, £32,200 to 41,000 per annum
Research Officer, £25,000 to £32,100 per annum
Project support, £14,000 to £19,000 per annum

Duration: These secondments are full-time, fixed term posts, for 1- 2 years. However, shorter term and part time secondments will also be considered.

Location: Cardiff

Overview: Successful candidates will work in the **Office of the Chief Social Research Officer (OCSRO)**. OCSRO is a central unit that manages a programme of cross cutting and corporate research and ensures high professional social research standards are maintained across the Welsh Assembly Government.

The posts offer excellent development and training opportunities. The team is looking for secondees who will help develop and deliver their research programme and contribute to the effective use of social research across the organisation. Projects included in the programme are wide ranging. The team currently has secondment opportunities for 5 Senior Research Officers, 3 Research Officers and 1 Project Support.

The posts will include:

- delivering and supporting qualitative and quantitative research projects;
- developing knowledge of innovative research methods;
- developing new vehicles for collecting research information.

All posts will provide an opportunity for successful applicants to be involved in the whole research process, from developing the projects and undertaking or managing research to analysing and reporting the findings.

Applicants for the Senior Research Officer and Research Officer posts will be expected to have a good relevant undergraduate or post graduate degree, and / or experience of

managing and / or undertaking research. Applicants for the Project Support post will be expected to have experience of developing and managing administrative systems.

Further Information: If you are interested in any of the posts above please email: naomi.copestake@wales.gsi.gov.uk for the job descriptions and specific contacts for each post.

Application Process: Expressions of interest should be in the form of a short statement of how your skills and interests match those required by the job (maximum 500 words), accompanied by your current CV. Please specify which post you are interested in by quoting the relevant job reference number. These should be sent to Research.Evaluation@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK

Closing date: Wednesday 14th May 2008