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Research News & Information

Department of Health Publications and Guidance

Report: No patient left behind: how can we ensure world class primary care for black and ethnic minority people?

Author: Professor Mayur Lakhani, Publication date: 22 May 2008

The 2007 GP Patient Survey highlighted significant variations between GP practices in levels of patient satisfaction, together with lower satisfaction rates for people from some BME groups. In response, the Secretary of State announced in July 2007 that he was asking Professor David Colin-Thomé, National Clinical Director for Primary Care, and Professor Mayur Lakhani (former Chair of the RCGP) to lead two reviews into access and responsiveness of primary care services. In this report, Professor Lakhani looks specifically at the reasons for lower satisfaction among patients from some BME communities.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_084971

CMO - Update 46 - Chief Medical Officer for Wales

Limiting retinol intake

People who eat liver regularly and those at risk of osteoporosis, such as older people and post-menopausal women, must ensure they do not exceed the recommended level

of vitamin A, as excessive amounts in the diet may increase the risk of hip fracture. Foods such as liver, dairy products and fortified margarines provide pre-formed vitamin A as retinol. Other sources of vitamin A include vitamin and fish liver oil supplements. Vitamin A can also be synthesised in the body from carotenoids (mainly β -carotene) found in plant foods. Retinol has a direct effect on bone, possibly via an interaction with vitamin D, and an effect on parathyroid hormone and therefore calcium metabolism. **The vitamin D status of certain population sub-groups, such as older people confined indoors and people from ethnic minority groups who cover their skin for cultural reasons, may be poor, so high intakes of retinol might also be of concern in these groups.** For more information, see www.sacn.gov.uk or www.food.gov.uk

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Funding News

PHD Funding Opportunity

Deadline: 4th July 2008, 3pm.

Let's Walk Cymru initiative: developing sustained walking activity in Wales. Grant: £20000, in 2008/9, rising to £22000 by 2010/11. The grant should cover all costs relating to the completion of the research, including travel, subsistence and tuition fees. Starting date for research:

September/October 2008 (depending on term dates of successful institution). For further information, please contact: Richard Harry, Senior Research and Evaluation Officer, Sports Council for Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9SW, or email: richard.harry@scw.org.uk

Pilot Industry Collaboration Award Scheme

Deadline: 30th July 2008.

The MRC and MRCT have committed a budget of £3m for 2008/09 to set up the Pilot Industry Collaboration Award Scheme. This award supports academic / industry exchanges in either direction for up to six months.

Funding: Generally less than £50,000, duration 6 months.

<http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantID=11617%20>

WORD

Deadline: 5pm 8th August 2008.

Wales Office of Research and Development for Health and Social Care (WORD) Research Funding Scheme 2008. The call for proposals under the Social Care Small Grant Award is now open: www.wales.gov.uk/word

National Prevention Research Initiative (NPRI) - Phase 3

The National Prevention Research Initiative (NPRI) funds research aimed at improving health and at preventing diseases or conditions such as cancer, heart and circulatory diseases, diabetes, obesity, stroke and dementia. The Initiative supports research on behaviours associated with significant risks to health, such as poor diet, physical inactivity, smoking and alcohol consumption, and on the environmental factors that influence those behaviours. Following the success of the first and second funding rounds, NPRI announces Phase 3 (NPRI-3) with a new call for outline applications.

Deadline for receipt of outline proposals: 18th September 2008.

On behalf of the Funding Partners of the National Prevention Research Initiative, the Medical Research Council (MRC) has launched a new call for proposals called "NPRI Phase 3". The call aims to commit up to £12 million to support cross-disciplinary translational research which develops and tests interventions focused on health behaviours to prevent chronic diseases. Please see the attached link and pass it

on to anyone who may be interested in the call.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/ApplyingforaGrant/CallsForProposals/NPR I3/index.htm>

Heart Research UK

Clinical grants. To support innovative clinical research projects targeting cardiovascular disease. Grants of up to 85,000GBP are available for up to 3 years. Deadline: 31 July 2008

Website: <http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/clinical.htm>

Current Research Commissions

NHS National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme funding opportunity.

The NIHR HTA programme provides an assessment of the costs, effectiveness and broader impact of any method used by health professionals to promote health; prevent, diagnose or treat disease; or improve rehabilitation and long-term care.

A new call for primary research outline proposals on interventions to maintain weight loss in adults is now open. Further information about the research question and the assessment process can be obtained from the commissioning brief.

Contact: HTA commissioning team

Email: htacmsng@soton.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/standardcalls/>

Deadline for receipt of proposals: 30 July 2008

Events

Refugee Rights & Realities in Wales

A One-Day Conference for Academics, Policy Makers and Practitioners. Venue: Swansea University, Thursday 10th July 2008 10am-5pm.

The aim of this conference is to bring together policy makers, practitioners and academics to explore - and better understand - the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers

living in Wales, and to find ways of transforming situations of loss, despair and poverty into ones of recognition, rights and hope for the future. Since 2001 there has been an unprecedented growth in the size and diversity of the refugee population. Policy makers, practitioners and advocates have worked hard to ensure that rights and services are delivered in ways that are timely and appropriate, often with limited resources and information about the experiences and needs of the refugee population, or even its composition. In the context of Wales, there are additional dimensions associated with the process of devolution. As the asylum system changes once again, and as statutory agencies and voluntary organisations increasingly look to work together to deliver services and support and to build communities that are secure and cohesive, this is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of what it means to be a refugee in Wales and what it is that we are all seeking to achieve. **To book a place contact Alison Royal by email: migration@swansea.ac.uk/**

Association for Young People's Health, 23rd October 2008, The Resource Centre, London.

A one-day multi-disciplinary conference for researchers and primary care practitioners with an interest in adolescent health and well-being. The aim of this second conference is to further increase the dialogue between practitioners and the research community on key issues relating to the health and well-being of adolescents.

Themes for the conference include:

- Resilience and Assets
- Young peoples participation, especially in health care decision- making
- The internet and new ICT's
- Sexual Health
- Food and Nutrition
- Primary Health Care
- BME young people
- School nursing
- Methodological Issues involved in researching young people's health

Further information - Professor Fiona Brooks
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**Nice 2008, 10th Anniversary Conference: Excellence in Action
3rd - 4th December 2008, Manchester Central Convention
Complex.**

A Focus on Outcomes, Implementation and What Works in Practice.

2008 is NICE's 10th anniversary. NICE 2008 - excellence in action will reflect on what has changed and what has been done differently since it came into being. What have been the secrets of success and what have NICE all learned from any missed opportunities? The focus will be firmly on the practical, with a greater emphasis on case studies of implementation in action alongside all the latest news and views about the design, delivery and audit of NICE guidance. And as ever there will be ample opportunities for networking and sharing views and experiences with colleagues. Visit www.NICE2008.co.uk to book your place at the biggest health and clinical excellence event of the year. Generous early bird discounts available until 31 July 2008.

Legislation Or Persuasion? Behaviour Change And The Successful Delivery Of Policy Outcomes 9th July, Westminster, London.

Increasingly the challenges facing government cannot be addressed by policy or legislative change alone. Whether it is tackling climate change or congestion, or finding solutions to problems such as obesity and worklessness, more and more, policy makers need to find ways to get us to change our behaviour. What works? What doesn't? This conference will stimulate debate and share knowledge about how government can most effectively influence the behaviour of their citizens to achieve specific or broader policy objectives. Attending this conference will allow delegates to learn from the experience of others, including those outside the public sector and identify successful approaches to behavioural change.

Corporate - 1 place @ £495 / delegate; 2+ places @ £445 / place
Government - 1 place @ £395 / delegate; 2+ places @ £345 / place
3rd Sector - 1 place @ £295 / delegate; 2+ places @ £245 / place
Delegate places can be reserved online at <http://www.westminster-explained.com/behaviour-change.html>

Career Opportunities

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigators

The NIHR has launched the second annual competition for NIHR Senior Investigators: the most outstanding leaders of patient and people-based research who are NIHR Investigators. As some of the nation's most prominent researchers, NIHR Senior Investigators play a key role in the NIHR Faculty.

Website:

http://www.nihr.ac.uk/faculty_senior_investigators.aspx

Deadline for electronic submission: 28 July 2008

Leicester City Primary Care Trust.

Four Equality Officers to join the Equality and Human Rights Directorate.

"We are looking for individuals with a real passion for the agenda, and experience in an equality and human rights related field. The four officers will each work in a specific area of the PCT, to encourage a culture in which equality is an essential and integral aspect of our day to day activity".

The posts are all graded at an NHS Band 6 (£23,458 - £31,779) and will cover (respectively)

- * Equality Impact Assessment
- * Support for the Primary Care Directorate
- * Communications / Patient and Public Involvement
- * Provider Services

The closing date for applications is July 11th. Applications may be accessed online through NHS jobs, by following the link below.

<http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/cgi-bin/vacdetails.cgi?selection=912034536>

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