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Health Promotion and Awareness

Asthma UK has developed two bilingual booklets to help South Asian people who have received emergency care for an asthma attack. 'After your Asthma Attack' and 'After your Child's Asthma Attack', previously only available in English, are now available in Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi and Urdu. The booklets include a section - to be filled in by the healthcare professional with the patient or carer - on what medicines should be taken in the first few days following an attack, and how to keep asthma under control following an attack.

They also feature a tear-off bilingual Asthma Attack Card for patients to keep with them, to ensure that they and others know what to do in an asthma attack. One in six people who have received emergency care because of an asthma attack need emergency treatment again within two weeks (British Guideline on the management of Asthma, 2004). Research carried out by Asthma UK has shown that compared to the white population, South Asians are three times more likely to have an emergency hospital admission for their asthma. 'After your Asthma Attack' and 'After your Child's Asthma Attack' were developed in response to feedback from healthcare professionals and produced in consultation with South Asian people with asthma.

How to order

If you are a healthcare professional and would like to order these resources, please contact our Supporter and Information team on 08456 03 81 43 or email info@asthma.org.uk.

For asthma information in 25 community languages visit our website at <http://www.asthma.org.uk/FAQs>

Funding News

Lloyds TSB Foundations to Receive £37.1 Million in 2008 (UK)

The Lloyds TSB Group has announced that the four Lloyds TSB Foundations across the UK

will receive £37.1 million this year to fund charities supporting disadvantaged people and community groups across the UK. The independently run Lloyds TSB Foundations form one of the largest grant-making trusts in the UK and have distributed over £330 million since 1987. Funding through the Foundation is primarily made through two grant programmes. These are the Community Open Programme which is open to all charities whose work falls within the Foundation's overall mission statement; and the Community Priority Programme which focuses on funding designed to meet local and national needs. The 2008 fund will be allocated as follows: Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales (£26.8 million); Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland (£7.2 million); Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland (£2.0 million) and Lloyds TSB Foundation for the Channel Islands (£1.1 million).... <http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/PressandMediaCentre/Pages/%C2%A3371millionfundfromLloydsTSBGroupforUKcharities.aspx>

Funding to Engage People with Science (UK)

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers. For medium sized projects up to £30,000 the next closing date for applications is the 2nd May 2008.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2580.html>

Broadcast Development Awards (UK)

The Wellcome Trust, which is an independent charity funding research to improve animal and human health has announced that it is seeking applications under its Broadcast Development Awards scheme. Under this scheme, awards of up to £10,000 are available to support early stage TV, radio or new media projects that actively engages audiences with issues around biomedical science in an innovative, entertaining and accessible way. The scheme is open to broadcast professionals and other organisations or individuals working on broadcast projects. Partnership between broadcasters and other professionals such as scientists, ethicists, educators etc are especially welcomed. The application deadline is the 2nd May 2008. Decisions will be made approximately two months after the deadline.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2590.html>

Active Living Fund (UK)

Grants of up to £1,000 are available through the Kelloggs Active Living Fund for projects that remove the "barriers" which stop people being active. The fund is open to charities and other voluntary and community organisations as well as Schools for activities that directly lead to people taking part in sustained physical activity. In particular, the Fund is looking to support projects that implement innovative ways of getting non-active individuals active; existing projects or activities that adapt or expand so that they are

available to new groups of people or new geographical areas; and existing projects or activities that need new or replacement equipment, or existing projects that require replacement funding. A panel of Kellogg's employees meets every two months to assess applications. Applicants should receive a decision on their application within approximately 10 weeks of submitting your application. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund/>

Funding for Community Development (Wales)

The People and Places programme has £66 million between 2005 and 2009, to fund capital and revenue projects that support co-ordinated action by people to make their communities better places to live. The fund is open to the community, voluntary and public sector. Funding of between £5,001 and £1 million is available to support local projects and projects that operate in more than one geographical area, regionally or throughout Wales. The aim of the fund is to revitalise communities; improve community relations; and enhanced local environments and community amenities. A recent example includes a grant of £56,000 to support a community centre in Carmarthenshire to develop activities that will strengthen community spirit and reduce isolation. Applications can be made at any time

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_people_places.htm?regioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=People%20and%20Places

Events

Action Research as a Methodology: Insights and Experiences in Wales

The Wales branch of the Social Research Association (SRA Cymru) and the Wales branch of the UKES (Evaluation Cymru) are pleased to announce the first in a new series of joint events to be held in Wales. This will take place at the Welsh Assembly Government in Cathays Park on **Thursday 1st May 2008, from 2pm until 6pm.**

This first event will focus on "action research" as a research methodology and will bring together key speakers who have considerable experience in this field. Action Research has emerged in recent years as a significant methodology for intervention, development and change within communities and groups. It is now promoted and implemented by many international development agencies university programmes and local community organisations. This event will include presentations by:

Professor Gareth Williams (Cardiff University) who has been involved in planning, establishing and delivering action to promote public health needs by the five-year Sustainable Health Action Research Programme (SHARP) in Wales.

Professor Danny Burns (UWE) who is Professor of Social & Organisational Learning at the University of the West of England and Director of SOLAR (Social and Organisational Learning as Action Research)

Dr Sarah Lloyd-Jones (The People and Work Unit) who has managed action-research programmes for the People and Work Unit around adult learning and tackling barriers to learning for the last twenty years.

The event will also include a one-hour workshop where delegates will be given the opportunity to further discuss methodological issues relating to action research.

If you would like to attend this event, please send a booking form to [Professional Briefings](#) by Thursday April 24th 2008. Please note that attendance is by prior booking only. If you require any additional information about the event, please contact [Naomi Copestake](#) at the Office of the Chief Social Research Officer (OCSRO)

This seminar has been organised by SRA Cymru and Evaluation Cymru. Membership of the SRA is open to anyone with an interest in social research. Membership of the UKES is open to anyone with an interest in evaluation. There is no membership fee to join the Evaluation Cymru network or the SRA Cymru email network. For more information about SRA Cymru and Evaluation Cymru including how to become a member, please contact Naomi in the Office of the Chief Social Research Officer (OCSRO) - see details above.

Spotlight on Research

The WEDHS new Online Research directory

The WEDHS online [Search-For-Research](#) catalogue provides a centralised list of Health and Social Care studies and reports - making information sharing and dissemination a reality. We share this resource with the Welsh Assembly Health Promotion Library in order to build up a fully accessible, comprehensive listing of published and unpublished research. If you would like to register your completed study or report, complete this [form](#).

The database contains documents on research studies conducted wholly or partly in Wales with a focus on health, social care, social work and social well-being. We aim to include all research work that is not published in the peer-reviewed or mainstream journals. The database therefore contains reports and unpublished documents (grey literature). Please note that the database is in its initial stages and that some documents have yet to be included.

Each entry contains the title of the article, the author(s), publication details, an abstract or summary of the aims, objectives and findings and an indication of the geographic area covered by the study (location). Information on 'area of interest' of the study and the BME groups included in the study (social groups) as well as keywords are included to help with the search. Access guidance to where the article can be found is included and links to available articles are provided.

If you want to find out more about health and social research in Wales that has a focus on ethnicity then contact Dr Susanah Kimani, WEDHS Research Portfolio Development Manager by email skimani@qlam.ac.uk or by telephone on 01443 4831??

Other research & research resources

Domestic Violence, Poverty and South Asian Women with No Recourse to Public Funds

Colleagues 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 refugees 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. If you would like further information about this research, please contact:

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AWSRR

The AWSRR is a database of in-process and completed systematic reviews undertaken in Wales.

The objective is to provide a single-point resource for researchers undertaking systematic reviews in Wales enabling users to:

- * Identify colleagues for collaborative work
- * Work in partnership on common challenges
- * Identify research trends and prevent duplication of effort
- * Access an up-to-date listing of completed and ongoing reviews
- * Support the development of review methods
- * Promote information exchange and evidence into practice

Please look at the website for more information.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgId=719&pid=22819>

AWSRR has the potential to be even more useful for reviewers across Wales and its further development can be a valuable contribution to the new health and social care research infrastructure currently being developed in Wales.

Any queries or suggestions please get in touch.

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Vacancies

**Equalities and Social Inclusion Worker - 35 hours £17,042
(reference AS2)**

Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan provide a range of services to older people in a variety of settings. Join a friendly, forward thinking organisation that offers a pension scheme, 26 days annual leave (plus bank holidays), regular supervision and training. Applicants will need to demonstrate effective communication skills and the ability to lead a local campaign and build partnerships with other agencies. If you would like further information and an application pack please leave your name, address, telephone number

and state which post you wish to apply for, on our 24 hour answer service telephone 029 20 527187. Alternatively to view post and request an application pack you can log on to our website www.age-concern-cardiff.org.uk.

Closing date 9am. Friday 18th April, 2008

Mental Health Service User Involvement Development Officer

Currently 28 hours per week

Salary scale NJC Point: 29-31 (£23,749-£25,320) pro rata

6% non-contributory pension

This post will work with people who use and provide mental health services to ensure that users' views influence the development and delivery of services - empowering and supporting people to have a voice within the joint planning process. Application packs available on www.cvmhdp.org.uk or send an A4 SAE (70p) to:

Cardiff and Vale Mental Health Development Project, Unit 11, Williams Court, Trade St, Cardiff, CF10 5DQ

Mark outer envelope SUIDP job application.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 30th April 08

Interview date: 13th May 08

People with experience of using mental health services are encouraged to apply. CRB check required on conditional offer of post.