

HACVS E-bulletin Number 13-HW-2010

Due to the increase in the amount of information that needs to be cascaded out to our members, we have decided to introduce two categories of e-bulletins. One will be a specialist 'Health and Wellbeing' bulletin which will refer mainly to information around the health and wellbeing agenda, and the other will be a 'General' bulletin which will refer to everything else. These will be indicated by the suffixes 'HW' or 'G' respectively. We have also decided to commence at number one each year and to detail the current year for our own reference and ease of filing. We hope that you will find these improvements to be of benefit.

(1) New Drinkaware Parents' Leaflet (2) NHS Public Consultation – Mental Health Care

Dear Members,

- 1 The Drinkaware parents' leaflet 'Let's Talk About Drinking' has now been updated and a new version called 'Your Kids and Alcohol' has been produced in conjunction with the DCSF and is now available to order from the resources page of the Drinkaware website. The new leaflet contains the latest CMO guidance and tips on talking to children about alcohol. The Drinkaware website also has a dedicated area for professionals working with under18s and for parents. In these areas there are downloadable workshop plans and resources intended to help parents and professionals address the topic of alcohol with children. You can order up to 75 parents' leaflets free of charge from www.drinkaware.co.uk/resources.
- 2 Here is a message for all our members from Sandra Ferguson, Health and Wellbeing Coordinator:-

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to bring your attention to the 'Improving Mental Health Services' item in e-bulletin 10-HW-2010 that was posted on our website on 19.03.2010. This item is a summary document that relates to an NHS Public Consultation on the proposed changes to the way that Mental Health Care is provided in West Sussex.

The full consultation document is available in a variety of alternative formats to download: www.westsussex.nhs.uk
by telephone: 01903 708440
by email to: mhconsultation@westsussex.nhs.uk.

I will be attending a public meeting about this on 12th May in Horsham (there are a number of meetings and events that are open to members of the public detailed in the consultation document). In order that I may provide informed representation of the views of HACVS members it would be extremely helpful for interested parties to email me with comments, views and concerns about the proposals **before the 12th of May**.

The consultation period ends 1st June 2010. **Attachment** MHC

Thank you,
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