

HACVS E-bulletin Number 21-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) Workshops speakers confirmed for Carers Conference (2) Young Peoples Activity Day (3) NHS West Sussex Public Meeting (4) Consultation on mental health services in West Sussex

Dear Members,

- 1 Follow this link <http://neilstewart.msgfocus.com/q/1MLuy3GUWsXdH7/wv> for information about the 5th International Carers Conference in July.
- 2 Young Peoples Activity Day takes place on Sunday 6 June from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. For further details see the **attachment**: Lodge_hill_flyer
- 3 Sent on behalf of Dominic Ellett, Assistant Director Mental Health/Acute Contracting, NHS West Sussex

'I am writing to advise you that a public meeting about proposed improvements to local mental health services will take place in Horsham next **Tuesday 1st June at 2pm at The Holbrook Club, North Heath Lane, Horsham, RH12 5PJ.**

This meeting has been rescheduled from a previous date in May, which had to be postponed while political campaigning was underway. I would encourage you to attend to hear about our proposals and to submit your views to the public consultation process.

For more information on the proposals, please visit our website (www.westsussex.nhs.uk) where you can read the consultation document, find out more and have your say via an online feedback form.

If you have any other queries, either about the consultation, proposals or the Horsham public meeting, please ring 0800 028 6203'

- 4 **Consultation on mental health services in West Sussex** - West Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)

As Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator for Horsham Area CVS I have been asked to provide a written account of the views of our collective members of the proposed changes to Mental Health Services in West Sussex and the impact they will have on West Sussex residents by the West Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) task force.

This task force will be advising the HOSC on its response to Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and NHS West Sussex regarding these proposals.

The consultation document may be obtained from: <http://www.westsussexpct.nhs.uk/>

It would be helpful if you could please indicate your views as soon as possible, including specific reference to the following:

- (i) Whether you support the overall vision for future mental health services, as set out in the consultation document.
- (ii) Whether you support the proposal to gradually reduce the number of inpatient mental health beds in West Sussex alongside an increase in the range, capacity and performance of community mental health services.
- (iii) Your views on the specific options set out in the consultation document.
- (iv) Any concerns you have regarding the proposals and/or the public consultation process.

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