

HACVS E-bulletin Number 29-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) HOSC MEETING, Brief outline for e-bulletin/ managers report (2) May Gurney Fund (3) Latest news from West Sussex LINK (4) Holiday Clubs for Children & Young People with Disabilities & their siblings (5) Getting sporty in the sun: news item

Dear Members,

1 HACVS Response to Mental Health Consultation, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) Task Force 20th July 2010

HACVS submitted verbal and written evidence to the Mental Health Consultation Scrutiny Task Force outlining our response to the recent Mental Health Consultation Process undertaken by NHS West Sussex. In brief, the response included our opposition to the closure of Iris Ward in Horsham Hospital which has specialist facilities for inpatient care of people who have dementia, our concerns regarding the lack of detail in the consultation document on specific arrangements for community service provision, the lack of provision for the needs of carers (in particular respite care), transport issues and the need for integrated, holistic approaches to provision for people with mental health problems and their carers within the local community. Concerns regarding the timeline for the consultation process, including the cancellation of the Horsham meeting, and equality and diversity issues of access to the consultation process for hard to reach groups were also put forward.

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July 2010

2 The May Gurney Fund has opened for applications; details on the **attachment:** [May_Gurney_Fund](#)

3 If you could be interested in being part of the LINK expanding 'Enter & View' team, please see their special bulletin by pressing CTRL and clicking on the link below: <http://www.makesachange.org.uk/cms/site/docs/E&V%20BULLETIN%20-%202010.pdf>
There are just a few places available at the Advocacy Project update meeting on 30 July 2010; please click on the link below if you would like to attend: <http://www.makesachange.org.uk/area/area-event.aspx?EventID=278>

- 4 The Enable Me/Aiming High sports activities for disabled children are being run in the summer holidays; see their website at www.enablemeproject.org.uk and a flyer is **attached**: Summer_2010_coursesLR
- 5 This news item from Horsham District Council includes a photo showing the clubhouse at Rookwood Golf Course, near Horsham, where some of the district's youngsters took part in the 2010 Junior Golf Challenge. **Attachment**: LL10PR1

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