

HACVS E-bulletin Number 13

You will see that we have decided to number our e-bulletins rather than date each one. This is to facilitate coordination between the circulation of the e-mail and posting the e-bulletin on the website.

(1) Children's workforce event 13th October at Brighton Racecourse (2) Safeguarding Conference 9th November (3) Drug Drive (4) Recognise Stroke F.A.S.T (5) Winstons Wish Sunrise Walks 2009 (6) Youth Domestic Violence Survey (7) Rural Matters (8) UNICEF Opportunity for Young People (9) Horsham Hospital Access Survey

Dear members,

- 1 The children's workforce event is taking place on the 13th October 2009 at Brighton Racecourse. Please contact Ashley Joyce on Ashley.joyce@westsussexpct.nhs.uk if you wish to reserve a place. For further details see the **attachment**: Workforce Flyer
- 2 Safeguarding Conference 9th November – Hawth Theatre Crawley - Background: The new Vetting and Barring Scheme, involving the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), will have a major impact on the recruitment and monitoring practices of people working or volunteering with children (Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006). The ISA will decide who is unsuitable to work or volunteer with vulnerable groups. It will base its decisions on pulling together information held by various agencies, government departments and the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). Once the scheme is fully rolled out, it will be illegal to hire someone in regulated activity, which is not registered, and has therefore not been checked by, the ISA (this legislation is coming in between October 2009-10). For further details of the conference see the **attachment**: Safeguard Conf
- 3 Follow this link <http://www.dft.gov.uk/think/drugdrive/home.shtml> to the DFT webpage on Drug Driving Awareness.
- 4 Follow this link <http://www.nhs.uk/Actfast/Pages/default.aspx> to the NHS webpage on ACT F.A.S.T. which is a new national government campaign aimed at helping people to recognise the signs of stroke, and act to save lives and reduce the damage caused.
- 5 See the following attachment for details of Winstons Wish Sunrise Walks 2009 starting on 27 September. **Attachment**: Winstons Walk
- 6 Sarah Scarrott, Project Administrator, Broken Rainbow, www.broken-rainbow.org.uk has written to say that their Youth Domestic Violence Survey is now online. You can find it at <http://youth.questionpro.com> The survey will be active until the 3rd week of September only, therefore do not hesitate to spread it out ASAP, which will help them achieve a good participation rate (hopefully!).
This survey must be answered by young people aged 18 to 25. Please note that at the end of the questionnaire, respondents can be entered into a FREE PRIZE DRAW and grab their chance to win an Apple iPod Shuffle 1GB or a pop up Quechua 2 Seconds Tent! Third prize is a £10 Amazon voucher.
Sarah can also send you leaflets and/or posters by post as well as web banners (by email) in order to promote their survey: please do not hesitate to ask and let her know

the address you would like her to send this to. Her contact details are Office: 08452 60 55 60 Helpline: 08452 60 44 60 and 0300 999 LGBT (5428)

- 7 Please find attached a copy of this terms 'Rural Matters', the newsletter of the Rural Horsham Children & Family Centre. On the reverse is the new timetable for the mobile service visiting nine villages around Horsham. This has been sent by Diana Dickenson, Information Assistant, Business Development, WSCC. New for this term they have advisors from Oral Health, Smoking Cessation and Childcare Support visiting with the service on selected dates. Also Job Centre Plus will visit Warnham in October. Please feel free to pass on this information or contact them for more information on 01403 785816. **Attachment:** Rural matters

- 8 Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child says that children and young people have the right to say what they think should happen on decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.
UNICEF are looking for young people from across the UK who want to speak out on behalf of other young people. They will have a chance to make a real difference for young people, get training and support, meet new people and get great experience for their CV!
In this voluntary role, they will influence and negotiate with many different people, from the leaders of organisations to young people on the streets. UNICEF are looking to sign up four Article 12 Advisors, supporting them with an exciting new programme driving child rights across the UK. To succeed, they will need to demonstrate a commitment to child rights and have the ability to speak to adults and other young people. They must be under 18 on 31st August 2009, commit to this role for at least 12 months and be able to travel to London for meetings and training. More info is available [here](#). Closing date: Middy 5th October 2009

- 9 An Access Survey is currently underway examining all aspects of access to all of the buildings comprising Horsham Hospital. This will include access difficulties for both drivers and pedestrians and covers all age groups and the able bodied as well as those with physical or sensory disability. The Horsham and District Access Forum is keen to obtain as much feedback as possible to assist in this Survey and would be grateful to hear from any individuals who have recent experience of visiting the Hospital and would like to contribute their views. Please email any comments to Horsham.AccessForum@googlemail.com

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