

## HACVS E-bulletin Number 23

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) Neonatal transfer service extends its hours (2) ODI New Website (3) 10-steps-to-mental-wellbeing (4) Horsham Youth Service team Directory (5) Youth Cabinet Questionnaire Report (6) 'KidzStuff' Festival breaks World Record: news item

Dear members

- 1 The latest release on behalf of the South East Coast Specialised Commissioning Group is titled: Neonatal transfer service extends its hours. "The Neonatal Transfer Service is delighted to announce that from 5th October 2009, the current 12 hour service will be extended to a 24 hour service..." [Read more...](#)
- 2 The Office for Disability Issues (ODI) has launched a new website. The website helps local authority professionals to tailor their work so older people have greater choice and control over the support they receive. The Independent Living and Older People Resource is for staff that commission or develop services for older people. Professionals in this field have been involved throughout development of the site, which you can visit at [www.independentlivingresource.org.uk](http://www.independentlivingresource.org.uk). They would appreciate it if you could share this information with your colleagues, who may find it helpful. The website explains what independent living is and offers practical tips on how to plan, commission and provide appropriate support for older people, including how to involve older disabled people in this process. ODI has worked with the National Development Team for Inclusion and the Centre for Policy on Ageing to create this new site. It fulfills a commitment within the Government's Independent Living Strategy. You can find out more about the strategy on their website at [www.odi.gov.uk/working/independent-living](http://www.odi.gov.uk/working/independent-living). If you would like to give them feedback, please email [odi.communications@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:odi.communications@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)
- 3 The recession. Swine flu. Winter. Happiness may feel increasingly hard to come by, but help is at hand. To coincide with World Mental Health Day which was held on 10th October, NHS West Sussex is encouraging everyone to know the 10 top tips to better mental health and wellbeing on their website at <http://www.westsussex.nhs.uk/news-and-events/pr-october-2009/10-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/> Visit [www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day-2009](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day-2009) for further details.
- 4 Please see the **attachment**: Horsham\_Youth\_Directory
- 5 During the Youth Cabinet elections a survey was conducted of the young people voting and they had 1596 responses. **Attachment**: Report

- 6 'KidzStuff' Festival breaks World Record: please find a news item attached. Also attached are photos showing the successful World Record attempt for the largest custard pie throwing contest held in Horsham, West Sussex on 31 May 2009.

**Attachments:** KidzStuff Picture1 Picture4

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