

## Ebulletin 27th January 2009

Title: **(1) Horsham Pancake Race (2) 4SIGHT Contact Officers & Assistants Jobs\_Jan09 (3) SASBAH Information Event (4) West Sussex PCT ebulletin and audit (5) NCB Training Courses**

Dear members (with apologies for the tight timeframe on some of the following):

- 1 Please find a news item (attached) from Horsham Rotary Club and Horsham District Council.
- 2 Please see the attached advert for jobs with 4SIGHT.
- 3 SASBAH re holding an Information Event on Wednesday, 18 Feb in Burgess Hill. Please follow this link and click on Events for more information: <http://www.sasbah.org>
- 4 The WEST SUSSEX PCT eBulletin Issue 39 can be accessed on the PCT's website: <http://www.westsussexpct.nhs.uk/news-and-events/west-sussex-ebulletins/>  
Issue 39 includes information on:
  - GP patient survey, which focuses on patients' experiences of visiting a GP
  - Agreeing the best organisational model for community services
  - How you can join the Public Membership scheme
  - Partnership News, the newsletter of the west Sussex Public Partnership Forum
  - PCT Board meeting in public on Thursday 29 January 2009

West Sussex PCT is undertaking an audit of its current methods of communication with stakeholders and members of the public; they want to improve and develop their communications in the future and your answers to this questionnaire will help them to achieve that. You are asked to complete the attached communications and engagement audit and **although they had asked for this to be returned by 26 January 2009, they have kindly agreed to give HACVS membership until 13 February 2009.**

- 5 Two new dates have been added to the programme of NCB training courses on 'Successful Commissioning: Preparing Your Children's Service Tenders': Leeds: 10-11 March and London: 17-18 March. These two-day training courses will enable you to enter the new commissioning process with confidence, equipped with the tools to understand what commissioners want and how you can deliver within the Every Child Matters (ECM) framework. There are a number of reserved free places for voluntary and community sector organisations on each course.  
The training will help participants to:
  - Identify the key skills, characteristics and standards that organisations need to demonstrate when responding to Pre-Qualification Questionnaires (PQQs), Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and commission tenders.
  - Identify the evidence they will need to support their application within local commissioning arrangements.
  - Provide a checklist for writing a successful commissioning tender.This training provides the opportunity for participants to explore the commissioning requirements, as well as undertake practical exercises around commissioning applications. The course will also offer the chance to meet colleagues, exchange experiences and share knowledge with others working in the children's services field.

To find out if an organisation is eligible for free training places, please contact [vcstraining@ncb.org.uk](mailto:vcstraining@ncb.org.uk) or telephone 020 7843 6084.

Click on the links below to book:

Leeds: 10-11 March - <http://vcses4p.eventbrite.com/>

London: 17-18 March <http://vcses5p.eventbrite.com/>

To book your free places, please use these links:

Leeds: 10-11 March <http://vcses4f.eventbrite.com/>

London: 17-18 March <http://vcses5f.eventbrite.com/>

Costs - £350 inc. VAT

(15% discount for NCB members)

Many thanks –  
Janet

Attachments: [Horsham Pancake Race Press Release 2](#)  
[4SIGHT Contact Officers Assistants Jobs Jan09 \(2\)](#)  
[Communications Audit 9 Jan 09](#)

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