



May 2010 bulletin

This is a lighter than normal bulletin because of the impending General Election. The whole civil service goes into purdah and turns its attention to preparing briefings for ministers (of whatever party they prove to come from) so there is very little policy news. On the other hand June's bulletin is likely to be enormous as whatever government gets in will start with a flurry of new initiatives!

News from NAAPS

Launch of the Community Catalysts' website

Just to let you all know that the Community Catalysts' website was launched at the end of April. Go to: www.commmunitycatalysts.co.uk

ARC lobbying campaign to highlight cuts in care services

ARC has recently created a website called www.cutsincare.co.uk which asks people simply to record what cuts they are experiencing and where they are happening (all client groups, all of UK, all ages).

Policy News (England)

Total Place

Total Place is an important strategy designed to enable local authorities to look at their whole area and take cross-sector initiatives to the benefit of the whole community. It allows budget pooling so that savings in one part of the council budget can have wider benefit.

This approach has been piloted in a number of local authorities and learning from the pilots has been brought together in a reports published by the treasury. Go to: www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/total_place_report.pdf

DH Care Networks website to transfer to SCIE

The central DH Care Networks platform and URL www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk will cease to exist on 30 June 2010. Over the past few years, the central network has played host to an increasing number of different social care and health programmes, spanning a wide variety of themes and audiences. Going forward, each individual programme will be reviewing their specific website requirements depending on their own needs and future plans. As an example the personalisation network, building

community capacity and commissioning networks will become part of the Putting People First website hosted by SCIE from 1 July 2010. Other networks/programmes will migrate onto DH's main website.

Policy News (Wales)

Proposed changes to the regulation of Shared Lives (Adult Placement) in Wales

The Welsh Assembly Government has published its proposal for changes to the regulations for Shared Lives (Adult Placement) in Wales. The majority of the changes are in line with the recommendations made by NAAPS Cymru following its consultation with members last year (and in 2008 – this consultation has gone on a long time!). There are a couple of proposals though which conflict with the view of NAAPS Cymru members and to which the NAAPS Cymru committee have agreed a response. If you are interested in seeing a copy of the response, write to Tim Southern (the chair of NAAPS Cymru) at tims@ateqi.org.uk

Regulation (England)

Prevention and control of infections Code of Practice

DH has published a consultation document on applying the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice for healthcare, including primary care, and adult social care on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. It sets out criteria that the CQC will use to assess compliance with the future registration requirement. www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_114736

Resources (General)

New Age UK website

The new Age UK website goes live in May. The main sections of the site reflect the topics that matter to older people – money matters, health & well-being, home & care, travel & lifestyle, and work & learning. Within each of these sections, there will be advice and information, feature articles, and online forums. Age UK also plan to add new features as the year goes on, including:

- **A local directory** where visitors can enter their postcode to find out about everything that Age UK does in an area
- **A 'community' area** where visitors can set up online groups to get in touch with other people to share interests and passions.

www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/age-uk-website.asp

Human rights training materials and human rights resources

Human rights training materials and human rights resources were launched on 31 March 2010.

This forms a suite of training materials designed for use in training sessions for frontline workers - primarily health and social care workers - supporting people with a

learning disability. The resources will assist trainers and interested parties as to the range of material available.

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_115174

Resources (England)

Updated version of 'Personalisation: a rough guide'

SCIE has updated its 2008 publication, which aims to tell the story so far about the personalisation of adult social care services. It is intended to set out our current understanding of personalisation and its implementation, exploring what personalisation is, where the idea came from and placing the transformation of adult social care in the wider public service reform agenda.

The report contains the following key messages and recommendations:

- By identifying and transferring knowledge about good practice, SCIE has a special role to play in transforming adult social care services
- Person-centred planning and self-directed support will need to become mainstream
- It will ultimately mean universal services such as transport, housing and education are accessible to all citizens
- The personalised system will need to be cost-effective and sustainable in the long term
- Approaches to early intervention and prevention need to develop further so that people are encouraged to stay healthy and independent
- The social care workforce will need to acquire new skills

The report (90 pages) can be found at:

www.scie.org.uk/publications/reports/report20.pdf

CQC E-learning module

The CQC e-learning module, to guide providers through the application process for registration, went live on the CQC website this week. Go to:

www.martonhouse.net/sites/clientarea/cqc/Reg2A_External/

Putting People First website revamped

The revamped Putting People First website went live this week. Go to:

www.puttingpeoplefirst.org.uk

Personalisation through Person-Centred Planning

This joint good practice guidance published by the Putting People First and Valuing People Now teams has been developed to help local areas understand how person-centred planning can help to deliver Putting People First. It is one of the commitments in Valuing People Now. It includes a range of tools and good practice examples on person-centred planning and support planning to help give people more choice and control over their lives.

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Valuing People Now Delivery Plan 2010-11

The Valuing People Now: Delivery Plan for 2010-11 was published on 31 March together with a range of materials to support the implementation of Valuing People Now, the cross government strategy for people with learning disabilities.

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DH Publication of Housing Resources for people with learning disabilities

DH has published a series of housing resources which cover different options for people with a learning disability.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_115224