

Health Stones 17

UK Health and Learning Disability Network

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Please copy me into any replies.

Thanks

Janet

1. Clinical Academic roles in Learning Disability

I am keen to know if there are any other Clinical Academic posts across the network in Learning Disabilities practice and if there are, what roles do they have and where do they practice?

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2. Examples of contracts / agreement templates used between CLDT / Intensive Support Teams and Service users and their key support networks

On behalf of South Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS Foundation Trust, Positive Behavioural Support Clinical Effectiveness Group, I would like to make the following sharing request:

We are exploring the benefits of the use of formal agreements/ contracts with service users and their key support network/s (including family carers, Social Care providers) for use prior to assessment, intervention and treatment commencing. We would be grateful to receive examples of contracts / agreement templates used between CLDT / Intensive LD Health Support Teams and Service users, Social Care providers and family carers. Also grateful of any feedback where such formal agreements/ contracts are in use with regard to their value and impact upon positive outcomes for service users and their support network.

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3. Eye Tests in London Tri-borough area Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham and Westminster.

People with learning disabilities are 10 times more likely to have serious sight problems than other people but less likely to receive the regular eye care they need. Adults with learning disabilities can now access a tailored eye tests service in Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham and Westminster.

This pilot project provides longer eye tests with optometrists who have received specialist training to provide Reasonable Adjustments such as the use of picture tests.

For information on how to arrange an eye test, please go to

<http://kcwloc.com/eyetest/> or contact Stephen Kill at SeeAbility on 07738 040307.

4. The Advocate's Gateway New Toolkits July 2014

Following the launch of The Advocate's Gateway last year, extensive work has been completed to ensure this valuable and important resource provides up to date materials aimed at improving case management and advocacy in cases with a vulnerable witness or defendant.

The Advocate's Gateway, hosted and facilitated by The Advocacy Training Council, includes toolkits which are available as a free resource on the Gateway. The toolkits have been cited as best practice by members of the judiciary, as well as by professionals and specialists within legal and clinical arenas.

We are very pleased to announce the launch of four further research-based practical toolkits which are now available to download on www.theadvocatesgateway.org

The titles of the toolkits are as follows:

Toolkit 9 Planning to Question Someone Using a Remote Link

Toolkit 10 Identifying Vulnerability in Witnesses and Defendants

Toolkit 11 Planning to Question Someone Who is Deaf

Toolkit 12 General Principals When Questioning Witnesses and Defendants with Mental Disorder

Each toolkit is consistent with the 11 existing toolkits, and reflects provisions in legislation, case law, judicial guidance and peer reviewed research.

We hope you find this information useful, and look forward to your continued interest in our work.

All enquiries in relation to this project should be directed to:

ATC - Advocacy Training Council

Email: info@advocacytrainingcouncil.org

Website: www.advocacytrainingcouncil.org

5. Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Theresa May MP - Care Not Custody speech

https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/care-not-custody-speech?dm_i=47L,2MOB2,26JNEA,9LVNV,1

PRT Briefing paper

<http://info-prisonreformtrust.org.uk/47L-2MOB2-26JNEA-15XKWT-1/c.aspx>

6. Mental Health & Learning Disabilities in the Criminal Courts

Information for magistrates, district judges and court staff

<http://www.mhldcc.org.uk/>

7. The Law Society

Clients with learning difficulties

<http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/news/stories/clients-with-learning-difficulties/>

8. FPA and Learning disability

<http://www.fpa.org.uk/search/node/learning%20disability>

9. Glasgow LGBT LD Project

<http://us7.campaign->

archive1.com/?u=9c98edb9f218410fa11cea020&id=43273cf7e8&e=56db6b0c45

10. TLAP weekly news

<http://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/nl/view.cfm?nid=783>



11. **Special measures coming for failing care homes and homecare providers**
<https://socialcare.blog.gov.uk/2014/07/16/special-measures-coming-for-failing-care-homes-and-homecare-providers/>
12. **NICE unveils safe staffing plans for nursing care in wards**
<https://www.nice.org.uk/News/Article/nice-unveils-safe-staffing-plans-for-nursing-care-in-wards>
13. **We all already own the NHS - the latest 'mutual' spin is about taking it out of our hands**
<http://opendemocracy.net/ournhs/caroline-molloy/we-all-already-own-nhs-latest-mutual-spin-is-about-taking-it-out-of-our-hands>
14. **National group to drive improved healthcare support for people with learning disabilities**
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/07/14/learning-disability-support/>
15. **Labour calls for two-year deadline to move people with learning disabilities out of hospitals and into the community**
<http://press.labour.org.uk/post/91840957569/labour-calls-for-two-year-deadline-to-move-people-with>
16. **Professor Chris Hatton blog**
<http://chrishatton.blogspot.co.at/2014/07/deja-vu-all-over-again.html>
17. **What a f**king shambles**
<http://mydaftlife.wordpress.com/>
18. **INVERNESS Vacancy - Band 7 Practice Lead (Disability) Children and Young People Services**
Practice Lead (Disability) Full time
37.5 hours per week
Permanent Salary Scale: Band 7 - £31,072 - £40,964
An opportunity has arisen within the Children's Disability Team in Inverness for a highly motivated Practice Lead (Disability). We are looking for an experienced learning disability nurse to lead on the development of high quality services for children and young people with disabilities. The role will include providing professional supervision to community learning disability nurses working in the integrated service for children and young people with learning disabilities.
Informal enquiries regarding the post to: Jonathan Turner, Integrated Team Manager, Tel: 01463 668683
Full details of the advert and job description can be found by following this link
<https://jobs.scot.nhs.uk/Details.aspx?vacNo=397134>
19. **VACANCIES WESTMINSTER Learning Disability Partnership**
Band 6 Community Nurse post
The link to the NHS Jobs advert is here:
https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/a13d3b4889aff412e46dcacc28b2f699/?vac_ref=913457200
NHS Jobs Reference: 333-017-LD

Band 7 Strategic Health Nurse

https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/fe83cf71334a473a9a7f89e36f6aaab1/?vac_ref=913458137

NHS Jobs Reference: 824-2262

20. LONDON RESPOND Young People's Schools and Forensic Therapist (£31,067-FTE at 28 hours/week)

The post will work in Respond's Young People's Project. It will involve providing individual and group therapy to young clients with learning disabilities primarily in London based schools. In addition you be part of our forensic services offering risk assessments and therapy to young people exhibiting sexually harmful behaviour. Non-clinical responsibilities could include: delivering external training and an outreach programme to young people and/or parents/carers.

<http://www.respond.org.uk/who-we-are/work-for-us/>

Closing Date for applications: Friday 1st August 12pm 2014

Interviews will be Tuesday 12th August 2014

For more information and an application form please call on 020 7383 0700 email admin@respond.org.uk or visit our website www.respond.org.uk

21. KNARESBOROUGH Sick Children's Nurse Required (RSCN) Care & Training Coordinator

Helping Hands of Harrogate Ltd is a growing care company providing personal and nursing care to children and adults with a broad range of learning and physical disabilities, behavioural and complex health needs. Based in Knaresborough we organise the provision of services in people's homes, the community and other social & educational settings across North & West Yorkshire. Our aim is to develop and enrich the lives of all the people we work with. We are a progressive and forward thinking company and adopt a person centred approach in everything we do. We prioritise the delivery of reliable, high quality and safe care which promotes the welfare of vulnerable people. We are looking for a Registered Sick Children's Nurse (RSCN) to join our multi-disciplinary, professional team as a Care & Training Coordinator to oversee complex medical care package, predominantly in the Bradford and Keighley area, but also to support colleagues in the North Yorkshire area. There may also be a requirement to deliver training outside of the company from time to time.

We are looking an individual who is enthusiastic, motivated, organised & flexible who is compassionate and promotes treating people with dignity and respect.

The successful candidate will be based in Knaresborough and must have the ability to travel to the Bradford, Keighley, Skipton areas, working in the field to coordinate care packages, build and maintain professional working relationships and train carer workers.

The right candidate will be able to demonstrate the ability to complete the following tasks:

- Completion of Assessments of Need for new referrals
- Completion and implementation of Outcome Based Care Plans & Risk Assessments
- Management and review of on-going support packages
- Delivery of mandatory & specialist training to Care Workers
- Overseeing Care Workers skills & competencies & implementing relevant training

- Management of priorities and difficult situations in a professional, calm and positive manner
- Work with commissioners from the NHS, Local Authority and private clients
- Support & Supervision of Care Workers

Applicants must have their own transport, as well as being able to give evidence of management of their own workload, be prepared to work unsocial hours when required to meet the needs of the business and be flexible, positive and committed to the role. In return, the successful applicant will receive:

- a competitive salary (between £32k - £38k)
- mileage allowance
- multi-disciplinary team support
- regular supervision & access to clinical support
- training and personal development opportunities
- company sick pay
- 5.6 weeks per year holiday pay

For an Application Pack please contact HR Manager, Karen Glover on 01423 868338 or email: karen.glover@helpinghandsofharrogate.co.uk

22. VACANCY NEWHAM Band 6 Continuing Care Nurse Assessor

A Band 6 Continuing Care Nurse Assessor is being sought to undertake the role of Continuing Health Care Assessor within the Newham Community Team for People with learning Disabilities for a period of 3 months.

Key role function:

The post holder will ensure that due process is followed in determining the Continuing Health Care (CHC) eligibility in accordance with the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care (FNC) for Newham Clients who have a positive DST Checklist.

Essential, Knowledge, Qualifications, Skills and Experience Required

KNOWLEDGE

Ability to demonstrate working knowledge of CHC & FNC assessments and decision-making.

Ability to demonstrate a collaborative approach and working knowledge of NHS legislation & guidance on CHC and FNC

Knowledge of the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care

Knowledge and ability to care manage processes and procedures.

An awareness of the local processes used to implement the National Framework for CHC & FNC.

Knowledge of how to complete London Health Needs Assessment in line with CHC process.

Demonstrate an understanding for the need for regular reviews of client's needs

QUALIFICATION

Registered Nurse qualification

SKILLS

Excellent interpersonal skills and communication skills.

Analytical skills.
Ability to work with different agencies
Ability to demonstrate a keen appreciation of the various cultures in Newham and to be responsive to the needs of service users within the parameters of the CHC process
Ability to accurately rationalise decisions made and to work defined targets and deadlines
Ability to manage challenge and conflict effectively.
Ability to work autonomously and as part of a team.
IT skills and knowledge of basic systems.

EXPERIENCE

Experience of reviewing individuals health and nursing care needs
Experience of applying the CHC eligibility process to individuals
Experience as a Band 5 Nurse with sufficient nursing experience of inter-agency and multi agency.

Interested? Ring to speak to either Lynelle Coker (Clinical Lead Nurse) or Matthew Tizora (Continuing Health Care Co-ordinator) on 020 8250 7500.
Alternatively, email Lynelle.coker@eastlondon.nhs.uk or matt.tizora@eastlondon.nhs.uk

23. LONDON Getting hospital care right for people with ID

The 'Getting hospital care right for people with intellectual disabilities' event being held at The Royal Society of Medicine on 17th September 2014.
Further details can be found at <http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/news/news.php?nid=2662>

24. EVENTS NAS Save the dates: new conferences from The National Autistic Society

We are delighted to let you know about our upcoming autumn conferences featuring some of the world's top experts. In particular, we are very excited to announce that Carol Gray, the pioneer behind Social Stories™, will be presenting at our brand new Autism and communication conference. Don't miss this opportunity to hear up-to-the-minute information and share best practice in the field of autism. We offer discounts for early booking and NAS members, so don't delay - book now! We look forward to seeing you at our events.
NAS conferences – autumn 2014

Women and girls on the autism spectrum, 9 October 2014, London

Autism is an overwhelmingly male diagnosis – it has even been described as the "extreme male brain". But why do women only make up one in four of those diagnosed with autism? This conference, organised by The National Autistic Society, will examine the unique challenges facing women and girls with autism. Our panel of international experts will discuss the implications for future research and practice, including prevalence rates and differences in presentation. Our keynote speaker is Dr Wenn Lawson (formerly Wendy Lawson), an internationally renowned and respected researcher, psychologist, writer and poet with high functioning autism. Wenn will be giving her perspective on the unique challenges that women on the spectrum face, but also their unique strengths.

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/women2014

Early booking rate ends 29 August 2014.

Understanding and supporting challenging behaviour in people with autism, 14 October 2014, Birmingham

This conference, organised by The National Autistic Society, will discuss the causes of anxiety for people with autism and the types of behaviour which can be used to express this anxiety. International expert, Dr Wenn Lawson (formerly Wendy Lawson), will speak on the impact of sensory overload and what you can do to help. Renowned author, Phoebe Caldwell, will be talking about intensive interaction and how it can be used to help more challenging individuals. Interactive seminars will focus on positive approaches to supporting people with autism and practical solutions around good design, as well as key issues such as getting positive behaviour support plans right and self-injurious behaviour.

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/behaviourB2014

Early booking rate ends 29 August 2014.

Pathological Demand Avoidance, 4 November 2014, Cardiff

Pathological Demand Avoidance Syndrome (PDA) is a lifelong disability. The main difficulty for people with PDA is their avoidance of the everyday demands made by other people, due to their high anxiety levels when they feel that they are not in control. This National Autistic Society conference will give you a greater understanding of PDA and an opportunity to discuss strategies and techniques that will help you support people with the disorder. You'll be able to hear the latest research on the changing diagnostic understanding, as well as an overview of educational strategies for teachers. There will also be presentations on approaches to managing behaviour and issues with communication.

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/PDA2014

Early booking rate ends 19 September 2014.

Autism and sensory processing in everyday life, December 2014 (date and venue to be confirmed)

This National Autistic Society conference will help to develop a greater understanding of sensory processing and how difficulties with sensory integration can impact on a person with autism. As well as an introduction to sensory processing and sensory integration, our expert speakers will present an overview of current research. We will look at the main sensory integration approaches in practice and how these can be applied in everyday environments plus tools and strategies that can be used to create programmes and make simple changes, so that people with sensory difficulties can live as independently as possible.

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/sensory2014

Early booking rate ends 19 September 2014.

Autism and communication, 25 November 2014, Reading

This conference will discuss the types of communication difficulties that people on the autism spectrum can experience, as well as the various tools and strategies to help support verbal and non-verbal communication. Our keynote speaker, Gina Davies, is one of the top experts in the UK in helping young people to develop communication skills. She will be looking at how we can inspire attention in people with autism and how to make therapy irresistible. We are also pleased to welcome Carol Gray over from the US. Carol pioneered the development of Social Stories™ and will be giving her unique insights into the next generation of social stories, the right way to work with them & discussing some common errors in how they are used.

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/communication2014

Early booking rate ends 26 September 2014.