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News, views & updates for those in public health education, learning and capacity building

Welcome to the second edition of the North East Teaching Public Health Network (NETPHN) newsletter.

The NETPHN key objectives are to

- increase the profile of public health across the region
- embed public health in curricula
- develop and enhance public health teaching capacity and capability
- co-ordinate the sharing of existing good practice with regard to public health teaching and learning.

News

The Department of Health has guaranteed another year's funding, from April 2008, for all nine of the regional Teaching Public Networks. This will enable us to continue to deliver our existing priorities and develop a longer term strategic plan to ensure our future sustainability.

The NETPHN's Inaugural Conference is taking place on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at the Sunderland Marriott Hotel. Entitled "NETPHN: Helping Bridge the Health Inequalities Gap", the event will challenge and stimulate thinking. There will be the opportunity to hear from a range of nationally renowned speakers including a keynote speech from Professor Mala Rao, Head of Public Health Workforce and Capacity at the Department of Health. Conference presentations will be available on our website www.tphn.org.uk in early February.

Update on NETPHN's priorities

Mapping public health related education and training. The next phase of this work has started in the five local universities, focusing on mapping the learning outcomes from key public related programmes to the competences as defined in the Public Health Skills and Career Framework, available to download at www.phru.nhs.uk. This will give education providers valuable information to assist them in ensuring that their course provision meets current and future needs. This work is led by Annie Wallace, at Sunderland University. Contact annie.wallace@sunderland.ac.uk

Local developments & initiatives

North East Obesogenic Environment Network (NEOeN) has been recently established to initiate integrated working partnerships within research, practice and the wider community. The objective of NEOeN is to provide a networking facility across practice, academia and communities. If you would like to join **NEOeN** or would like any further information, please visit our website www.neoen.org.uk

The **Health Improvement Research** programme part of the **Community Health & Education Studies Research Centre at Northumbria University** has been set up to help meet the aims of the government health & public health improvement agenda. The Network is open to academic, clinical and research staff. New members are very welcome. For more details visit the Public Health & Primary Care Research Network http://hces.unn.ac.uk/public_health/



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Diary date

On the rocks – tackling alcohol misuse in the North East

Alcohol Conference

13 March 2008

Hardwick Hall

County Durham.

Further details to follow

Public Health Intelligence North East (PHINE) is a new concept being developed by the **North East Public Health Observatory** to help get the best possible use of the regional health intelligence function. The network has formed working groups to tackle topical issues concerning population, joint strategic needs assessment and alcohol. PHINE publish an E-newsletter at the end of each month, which details activity within the network. To learn more about **PHINE** visit www.PHINE.org.uk or contact michael.heasman@durham.ac.uk

Newcastle Health and Race Equality Forum (HAREF)

HAREF is a network of practitioners in statutory, voluntary and community organisations who work with the diverse black and minority ethnic (BME) communities of Newcastle, to ensure that everyone can benefit appropriately from NHS provision, thereby reducing inequalities in health and improving the health of the population.

They support health organisations through a variety of ways including

- arranging pilot sexual health training for health development workers working with BME communities
- a Mental health Working Group, linked to Newcastle Health Improvement Strategy work on eating and weight, alcohol and drug use
- delivery of equality and diversity training sessions focussing on examples of good practice.

For further information contact **Ann McNulty**, Forum Co-ordinator at ann.mcnulty@newcastlehealthcity.org.uk

NETPHN on the web...

Our website <http://www.TPHN.org.uk> will be formally launched this month at the NETPHN Inaugural Conference. Partners and members are encouraged to share news, ideas, events and areas of interest on the website. We welcome your views on the website's content, so feel free to contact the team with your suggestions.

Children's Workforce

Public Health/Health and Wellbeing competences are essential to effective and responsive services for children and should be core to the Children's Common Core Competence Framework. Personnel in developing the Children's Workforce in the four North East sub regional clusters were invited in November 2007 to submit the job descriptions of a multi agency and disciplinary group of staff delivering defined services to children and young people, KSF's and team outlines. These were analysed by Skills for Health against the Public Health Skills and Career Framework and the Children's Common Core Framework. Results were fed back on 7 December 2007. Three teams were submitted.

The findings indicated that

- only one of the Core Areas of the PHSCF, surveillance and assessment of the population's health and wellbeing, has any relation to the Children's Common Core
- in the defined areas of Health Protection, Public Health Intelligence and Health and Social Care Quality there is a relation to the Children's Common Core but at higher levels of the PHSCF than were identified in the job descriptions that were reviewed
- there is no relation to the Children's Common Core in the defined area of Academic Public Health.

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