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## December 2009 Issue

### Welcome to LWDP's e news

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly news. In here you will find news from LWDP and information you may find useful from across the sector.

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Christmas Message

This Christmas the LWDP will not be sending Christmas cards and gifts. Instead we are making a donation to Bookworms & Chatterboxes, an Oxfam supported initiative for teaching Teachers. We wish all our colleagues and stakeholders a happy and healthy New Year.

Please note that the LWDP offices will be closed for the festive period from lunchtime on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and will re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

*Dymph Knowles, CEO*

#### Stakeholder Event

Further to the Stakeholder Event held in September 2009, the follow up event has been scheduled for the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010. More details will follow nearer the time. To see the feedback report from the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, follow this link:

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPEvents.aspx>

#### Information Day

The next Information Day to be held at Marian House will be 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010. More details for this will follow but please put the date in your diaries.

## **Training Advisory Group**

Further to the Training Advisory Group meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009, the following recommendations have been agreed by the LWDP Board:

- LWDP only fund the First Aid Courses recommended by the Health and Safety Executive:
  - 1 day Emergency First Aid at Work
  - 3 day First Aid at Work

But in addition, a 1 day non – accredited Emergency Care for care workers course which covers agreed topics can also be funded.

## **Medication Administration Training Tender**

Further to the invitation to tender for Medication Administration Training, 13 responses have been received and 2 companies have been shortlisted from this. A decision on which company has been successful will be made in January 2010. Thank you to all Training Providers who responded to the tender invitation.

## **Education and Training Provider Meeting**

The next ETP meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 2pm at Marian House. Anyone wishing to arrange a LancashirePlan training update session should contact Jack Moorehead by 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009, on [jackmoorehead@lwdp.org.uk](mailto:jackmoorehead@lwdp.org.uk) or 01772 761855.

## **SECTOR NEWS**

### **Care First Careers - Entry to Social Care**

Care First Careers is a joint Department of Health and Department of Work and Pensions recruitment scheme offering £1,500 to every employer who takes on unemployed 18 – 24 year olds between now and the end of December.

[www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/carefirstcareers](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/carefirstcareers)

Skills for Care is supporting the pilots of Care First Careers by working in partnership with Job Centre Plus and the Department of Health. They are preparing for the national roll out and ensuring that all employers across their networks have a good understanding of Care First Careers. They are also working very closely with Job Centre Plus to make sure that front line advisors have an understanding of what it is like to work in adult Social Care using their recruitment and retention materials.

[http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/entry\\_to\\_social\\_care/entry\\_to\\_social\\_care.aspx](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/entry_to_social_care/entry_to_social_care.aspx)

## Changes to Direct Payments

From the 9<sup>th</sup> November, the direct payments scheme will be extended to people who lack the capacity to consent and to people with mental health problems who are subject to mental health and certain criminal justice legislation. The Department of Health has updated its guidance for councils and users to reflect the changes, and has produced a short leaflet explaining them.

[Download the leaflet and guidance](#)

Skills for Care have worked in partnership with micro employers to produce a guide to support people who employ their own workers in relation to HR practices. Some positive feedback has been received about this product and the HR guide for SME businesses. These can be found at:

[http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/entry\\_to\\_social\\_care/recruitment/PAtoolkit.aspx](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/entry_to_social_care/recruitment/PAtoolkit.aspx)

## “Get Connected Project” for Adult Social Care

The Get Connected Project is a capital grant scheme for the registered providers of adult Social Care in England supporting personalisation. The Social Care Institute for Excellence is providing grants to assist the registered Care Providers with their information, communications and technology. They will focus on providers who do not have good access to the internet.

The initiative is to allow those who use, visit or work in adult Social Care services to benefit from the learning, knowledge and access that the internet can bring. This will support adult Social Care Providers who need to register with the Care Quality Commission by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010. To register, providers will need to complete an online registration form.

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## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We hope that you have found this issue of E news useful and informative. Any suggestions and comments on what you would like to see in future issues would be welcomed so please contact us with your thoughts. Please email [info@lwdp.org.uk](mailto:info@lwdp.org.uk) with any comments.

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