



# Newsletter

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## Letter from the Editor

I am going to make the last page of this edition a questionnaire, and I need everyone to make a small effort to answer the questions and send the answers back to me by the 20th November please, so that I can take your feedback to the next Council meeting. Thanks

**Anne Woodcock**

## What's the Future of Health Promotion?

This report presents the views of fifty-five specialised health promotion staff from across the North of England on the state of specialised health promotion, as a discipline following the latest reorganisation of primary care trusts. Their views were collected via a Northern regional workshop held in December 2008 and a survey conducted at the same time. Both the workshop and the survey were organised by the Centre for Health Promotion Research based at Leeds Metropolitan University, working closely with the Shaping the Future of Health Promotion Collaboration.

Please download :

[www.leedsmet.ac.uk/health/healthpromotion/chpr/index.htm](http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/health/healthpromotion/chpr/index.htm)

Very interesting report for anyone in Health Promotion departments

## Standards for Practitioner registration

I am forwarding you the final draft of the 'Standards for Practitioner Regulation' that the UKPHR is leading. This document is also available on the website

<http://www.publichealthregister.org.uk/Practitioner+regulation>

If you wish to comment upon the standards please respond electronically to [zoe\\_clark\\_po@hotmail.com](mailto:zoe_clark_po@hotmail.com) by **30<sup>th</sup> October 2009**.

## **New research literature database is launched**

Public health researchers and practitioners can now access the *People in Public Health* database, a new database covering research on lay health workers and peer helpers.

With funding from the NIHR Service Delivery and Organisation programme, the Centre for Health Promotion Research at Leeds Metropolitan University has developed this database as part of its study to help develop and support lay people in public health roles. The first phase of the study involved carrying out a literature review including a comprehensive search of electronic databases and sources of “grey” literature. After screening for relevance, over 220 papers were included in the review. Each of these papers were systematically coded according to a range of categories, including country of origin, target group and whether the lay person received payment. The resulting data has been placed in a searchable database which is now available for public access at:

<https://piph.leedsmet.ac.uk/main/litreview.htm>

A team of researchers led by Dr Jane South have identified the different ways in which lay people are involved and what health services can do to recruit, develop and support them. Using the experience and skills of lay people helps to fulfil the government’s health policy agenda to ‘fully engage’ communities and individuals in improving public health.

‘It is important to have an improved understanding of the different approaches and types of roles so that services can better identify, develop and support lay people in public health roles’ says Dr Jane South. ‘By making this database publicly available, we hope to provide a service that researchers, practitioners and policy makers can use to identify relevant research literature on the roles of lay people in public health quickly and easily.’

The findings of the study will help NHS public health practitioners enhance the experiences of lay people taking on public health roles and improve the outcomes for individuals and families who are receiving health information, advice or support in this way.



**Re: The 20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion Geneva 2010: Joining forces for Health, Equity and Sustainable Development**

The Global Scientific Committee of the 20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion is calling for the submission of abstracts suggesting symposia, workshops and oral papers/posters to be presented and discussed at the conference which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 11 to 15 July 2010.

In a globalised world, the dynamics of modernisation and urbanisation pose major challenges to both health promotion and societal development. Therefore, the focus of this conference is on building bridges between health promotion and sustainable development by:

- presenting and discussing state-of-the-art knowledge and cross-cutting issues in health promotion and sustainable development,
- showcasing and challenging best practice in health promotion and in sustainable development, and
- Initiating strong alliances and partnerships for promoting sound policies and practices that positively impact on the health of people, societies and the planet.

**Topics for submission**

Contributions relating to research, practice and policy in Health Promotion, Equity in Health, and/or Sustainable Development.

Major areas in which submissions are particularly invited:

Health Promotion and Sustainable Development:

- Concepts, perspectives and approaches
- Theory and methods in research or evaluation
- Policies and regulations/ governance
- Healthy settings, sustainable settings
- Issues for special populations/population groups
- Determinants of health
- Specific topics and issues (e.g. competencies, disease prevention, etc.)

For a full list of topics and keywords, please read the attachment.

We welcome in particular submissions addressing and exploring trends and challenges in:

- social and cultural change,
- environmental change,
- economic change and/or
- territorial change and urbanisation,
- and the interdependencies both between those areas of change and with Health

All abstract submitters, including individual contributors are encouraged to interact and collaborate with other presenters and participants wherever possible. Participatory, collaborative and non-traditional session formats will be given priority in the selection process!

For further details please read the attached guidelines and for access to online abstract submission forms, please visit [www.iuhpeconference.net](http://www.iuhpeconference.net) and follow the links.

**Deadline for submission – Monday, 30 November 2009**

## Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar

### Improving Nutrition: Elderly and Vulnerable Groups

With **Gordon Lishman** Chair, Department of Health's Nutrition Action Plan Delivery Board

*Morning, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Central London*

[Book Online](http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/foodandnutritionforum/home.html) at <http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/foodandnutritionforum/home.html>

With the Nutrition Action Plan Delivery Board report submitted to Government this summer and a response expected later this year, this seminar will discuss the challenges to implementation and the importance of suitable nutrition for elderly and vulnerable groups, particularly in a hospital and care setting.

Sessions will also look at what can be done to help improve the nutrition of elderly and vulnerable groups beyond a care setting and whether necessary safeguards are in place to ensure that these groups are protected. This seminar also follows on from our seminar on Elderly Nutrition in February 2009 which discussed the work of the Nutrition Action Plan Delivery Board prior to the report being submitted.

- Latest thinking on the nutrition of elderly and vulnerable groups and its impact on their health;
- The conclusions of the Nutrition Action Plan Delivery Board;
- To what extent the recommendations can be implemented and challenges to this implementation;
- What more can be done to improve the quality of hospital food;
- Beyond hospital food: what needs to be done to ensure that food provided in care homes and other care settings is of sufficient nutritional value; and

Providing nutritional food and support for elderly and vulnerable groups at a community level.

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### Obesity 2009 *with*

**Dr Will Cavendish**, Director of Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health

*Morning, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 Central London*

[Book Online](http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/foodandnutritionforum/home.html) at <http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/foodandnutritionforum/home.html>

One year on from the launch of *Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives* and the Government's *Change4Life* campaign, this seminar will examine where the UK is now in tackling obesity, and look forward to next steps in this key area of public health.

Including current data and projections on obesity, and assessments of the effectiveness of the current *Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives* and *Change4Life* campaigns, sessions will focus on:

- Prevention: what more can be done to promote healthy diet and weight control;
- Support: how can help be most effectively made available to people seeking to lose weight;
- Information: the role of effective labeling; and
- Wider health concerns: latest thinking on the impact of diet and obesity on cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

We are delighted that **Dr Will Cavendish**, Director of Health and Wellbeing, Department of Health has agreed to deliver a keynote address at this seminar. Further speakers are expected to be confirmed shortly.



## IHPE Questionnaire

1. Are you registered with the Shaping the Future website?

Yes  No

Do you receive their enewsletter?

Yes  No

2. Which articles in this newsletter had you not seen before?

3. What do you particularly want to see in the enewsletter?

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5 times

6 times

