



EVE News: January 2010

Do you have an issue, feedback from an event, or information you'd like to share with other members?

If you want to publicise an event, please include the date, venue, time and where to register). REMEMBER: please include any documents you would like to be circulated with the EVE news

From The Chair:

Welcome to the first edition of EVE news & my thanks go to all of you who contributed. It's bound to be an absolute sell out & as a "first edition" autographed copies are available from me at no extra cost. How's that for a New Years bargain! Seriously its great that EVE have managed to pull off a "first" within the Skills for Care User & Carer groups by producing this newsletter & I sincerely hope we are able to build on this & go from strength to strength.

The next EVE meeting is scheduled for Friday March 26th & although this is not convenient for everyone unfortunately, I do hope that our June meeting can be scheduled to meet everyone's diaries. With the next EVE meeting in mind our main topic will be Personal Health Budgets & Tony Blumfield has very kindly offered to invite a guest speaker from Suffolk who

has experience in this field. It should provide a very entertaining & thought provoking meeting & I do hope as many EVE members as possible can attend.

I would just ask you to remember this is our first edition & feedback from all would be useful. Some members have expressed an interest in contributing, but have been unsure just exactly what to contribute. I hope, in reading this, your questions have been answered. Just before this edition closed I received an email from Wendy Burt with an interesting article which has been included. The information is short as indeed are a number of the articles, but is none the less exactly what EVE news is all about. The next edition is scheduled for mid March so please let Lee have your articles/snippets by the beginning of March.

NB: Member Profiles. It was agreed at the last EVE meeting that ALL profiles would be published together to organisations that had not heard of EVE or wanted to know more about us. I have an outstanding action with Cambridgeshire County Council (4 months old) that I need to meet & therefore can I ask a final time that anyone who has yet to complete their profile, do so as a matter of urgency. We are all dedicated to the expansion of EVE but without the profiles we are failing at the first hurdle. Please send any completed profiles to Caterina. Thanks

Wishing you all a belated Happy New Year.

Kind regards as always

Carol

Event/ Information	Comments
Dee Frost:	<p data-bbox="367 304 1599 344">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_107425</p> <p data-bbox="367 395 1995 563">This consultation document seeks views on the Government's proposals for piloting direct payments for health care. This is part of the wider pilot programme to explore personal health budgets announced in High Quality Care For All. NOTE: for information only – consultation closed 8th January 2010</p>
David Rolph	<p data-bbox="367 660 815 700"><u>Personal Health Budgets</u></p> <p data-bbox="367 759 1924 847">I am aware that they are out for consultation at this current moment in time, however I do have several concerns about these.</p> <ol data-bbox="367 866 1989 1118" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="367 866 976 906">1. Who is going to administer them? <li data-bbox="367 919 1227 959">2. Who will do the initial assessment of individuals? <li data-bbox="367 971 1989 1118">3. What can we spend them on for example could I spend them on further Hydrotherapy within a private setting rather than having to travel at least 45 minutes in traffic to a specific hospital, rather than travel 15 minutes down the road and use a private facility?
	<p data-bbox="367 1398 1055 1433"><u>Direct Payment/ Personalised Budgets</u></p>

	<p>When I was initially given the green light with my personal budget I did approach my nearest Tax office, which happened to be in Ipswich and was able to go on their training for prospective employers. I found that they gave no advice on how to make nil tax returns. I am also concerned that HMRC have no idea about Direct Payments or Personalised budgets and do not know how they operate. What I am saying is that despite visiting their so called website there is no way of find the information. Therefore Lifestages UK Ltd my social enterprise is now willing to give help to people who are facing this anxiety and avoiding a costly trip to the courts. We can also offer a low cost effective payroll service throughout the eastern region.</p>
Lee Stribling	<p>http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/ library/Resources/Housing/Support_materials/Newsletter/Newsletter38.pdf</p> <p>Interesting newsletter from the Housing, Learning and Improvement network</p>
Diane Buddery	<p>Email on behalf of Diane Buddery, Project Manager - Carers Strategy</p> <p>Many thanks to those of you that attended either of the two consultation workshops in November to help us write the principles of good practice when working with carers. As you will know from these events, Skills for Care and Skills for Health are working with the Department of Health to produce training resources to improve the skills and knowledge of those that work with carers and these principles will be the ‘foundation’ of this work.</p> <p>This email is to bring you up to date with work since then and invite any further comments you might have at this stage.</p>

Principles

The principles are now being re-written, taking on board the feedback we had from the events. This second draft of the principles will be sent in January 2010 to those of you who attended either of the November events to provide any further comments before these are finalised.

Training resources

The tender to find a contractor to develop and write the training resources is now on the Skills For Care website (www.skillsforcare.org.uk). The closing date for applications is 14 January 2010 (1pm). It will be very exciting to find a partner to move the project onto its next phase. If you wish to respond to this tender, or know an organisation that would, please do pass the information on.

Website link:

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/tenders/Supportingcarerstrainingtheworkforce.aspx>

Evaluation

There will be two further tenders advertised very soon for the evaluation of both the resources and the impact on the workforce of the learning. Again, please refer in due course to the Skills for Care website for more details.

Pilot sites

In order to test the materials and their impact, we will be using a number of pilot sites through next year. We will require a range of sites, diverse in roles, size, geography (England only) and the way in which they are involved with carers. There will be some financial assistance to enable pilot sites to become part of the programme. If you are interested in offering yourselves as a site, please email: carersstrategy@skillsforcare.org.uk

Website

The carers strategy page on the website will now hold all the on going information, related links

and future plans for the project, so please use it to update yourself on what is going on. There is also a link to use to contact us with any questions or comments you may have.

Website link:

http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/developing_skills/workingwithcarers/working_with_carers.aspx

Queries and questions

We had a number of questions at the event which we could not answer on the day. We hope we have now answered all these in our 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) page on the newly launched carers strategy page, on the Skills For Care website.

Link:

http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/developing_skills/workingwithcarers/working_with_carers.aspx

(click on FAQs at the bottom of the page, select Carers strategy from the drop down menu)

Diane Buddery
Project Manager - Carers Strategy

Wendy Burt

A friend (with a bit of help from her Mum!!) has posted a fantastic video on U Tube-please click on the link below & have a look:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wn3RGizvyig>

“Lawraine and Charlotte want everyone who believes in inclusion and seeing people with disabilities as putting people first to pass this video on. We are sick of waiting for “Valuing People” and “Putting People First” to be implemented by the powers that be. We think we should start some Direct Action today to shout to the Government that **TODAY** is long enough to wait to be a full citizen!”

Carol Jones

SCIE publishes further Personalisation briefings

At a glance 13: Personalisation briefing: Implications for voluntary sector service providers

At a glance 14: Personalisation briefing: Implications for personal assistants (PAs)

At a glance 15: Personalisation briefing: Implications for user-led organisations (ULO)

At a glance 17: Personalisation briefing: Implications for residential care homes

At a glance 18: Personalisation briefing: Implications for community mental health services

The briefings provide an excellent summary of information to help you deal with the implications of the Personalisation agenda in your area of work. For more information and to order copies of the briefings, go to:

	http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/ataglace/ataglace13.asp
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