



Health Skills East - December 2008 Bulletin 2

Health Skills East meets health employers & commissioners

This new East of England service signposts (via one portal <http://www.healthskillseast.org.uk/>) the services offered by over 30 publicly funded organisations to support health sector managers & commissioners. During November and December, its Board and Management Team have joined forces with Skills for Health meeting employers and commissioners at consultation events in every county of the Region.

Regional listening and consultation events - three in one.

1. Skills for Health is consulting on a new East of England Health Sector Skills Agreement Action Plan for 2009/10. For the consultation document [click here](#). To give your views [click here](#).
2. The second consultation covers the Health Sector Qualifications Strategy and moving all qualifications to the new Qualifications and Credit Framework. [Click here](#) to read more or [click here](#) to give your views.
3. Thirdly Health Skills East is asking employers and commissioners about the range of services & resources they want. To give your views [click here](#).

News

- **A date for your diary**
At a major showcase event on 25th February 2009, national and regional experts will help launch the SSA Action Plan for 2009/10 and demonstrate the wide range of resources to support employers. Keynote speaker - Dr Mary Archer. To book a place [click here](#).
- **Funding News**
 - The Government has announced new more flexible Train to Gain Funding for small businesses (under 250 employees). [Click here](#) for details.
 - "Train your way out of recession" advises Cranfield University .In its newly published report "Nurturing Talent" its School of Management shows that it is cheaper and more effective to "grow your own" employees rather than shop around for talent. <http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/>

- The full list of **SWIFT** bids agreed by NHS East of England will be announced shortly. Watch out for details.
<http://www.eoe.nhs.uk/>

- **Self Care gets embedded in KSF**
 - New Self Care competences have been announced by Skills for Health and Department of Health and are embedded within the KSF for all NHS Staff. [Click here](#) for announcement.
 - NHS East of England is holding a Self Care promotion event on 9th December 2008 .This event is aimed at GPs, practice nurses, other members of primary healthcare teams, patients and carers. [To book a place](#).

- **New Directory of Skills for Life Resources**
[Click here](#) to access a new directory of Skills for Life resources from the Stepping Stones (ESF) project.

- **100% of NHS Trusts sign the Pledge**
All Trusts in the East of England have now all signed the [Skills Pledge](#).

- **Apprenticeships**
New guidance for employers on Public Services Apprenticeships has been published. [Click here](#).

- **Working with Schools takes off**
 - Ambassadors - Demand has been high for the new Health Ambassador Service which opened its doors to all schools and employers in the Region this summer. [Click here](#).
 - National Council for Educational Excellence has published its recommendations about school and college links with businesses & HE institutions, and about how early years, schools and colleges can work together to raise standards.
www.dcsf.gov.uk/ncee/.

- **Information Advice and Guidance - new services**
 - **"Discover" proves popular** - This new career and qualification website from MOVE can guide potential candidates through the maze of career and qualification options involved in choosing a health sector career. To explore this interactive website [click here](#).
 - **Advancement & Careers** - The Department for Innovation, Universities & Skills has launched consultation on the new careers service for adults. For detail <http://www.dius.gov.uk/> or go to ["Download Documents"](#).

- **News about Children's & Adult Care**
 - On 1st November the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) launched the [Children's Workforce Tool](http://onechildrensworkforce.cwdcouncil.org.uk/). <http://onechildrensworkforce.cwdcouncil.org.uk/>. This tool will help Children's Trusts identify areas for potential improvement most likely to help achieve Every Child Matters outcomes.
 - A new National Academy for Care has been announced focussing on leadership & management. Go to <http://www.nationalskillsacademy.co.uk/> or download from "[Download Documents](#)"
 - Social Care Individual Budget Pilots
 - A New "[Rough Guide to Individual Health Budgets](#)" has been published by the Social Care Institute of Excellence (SCIE)
 - NHS East of England is holding an event on 22nd January to look at outcomes from the national evaluation and Eastern Region Pilots [click here](#) to book

- **Simplified Skills support**
 - The Association of Colleges in the East of England (ACER) has set up a network of Further Education Providers involved in Health and Social Care to help promote dialogue about changes in the sector's workforce.
 - The UK Commission for Skills has published "[Simplification of Skills in England](#)" describing a national move towards joined-up working being attempted through Health Skills East. <http://www.ukces.org.uk/>.

More News & Events

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