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# NETWORK

North Derbyshire Health & Social Care Network including the Mental Health Liaison Project

## Report from the Health and Social Care Forum January 2010

### New National Dementia Strategy

Presentation by Sally Plummer, Alzheimer's Society, North Derbyshire Branch

Sally explained that the National Dementia Strategy for England was launched almost a year ago and is a five year plan developed by the Alzheimer's Society and the Government. The Strategy explains what needs to happen to transform the quality of life for people with dementia and their carers. It has been put together following consultation with thousands of people with dementia, carers and health and social care professionals.

Each regional area will need to consider how the recommendations in the Strategy can be made to work locally and what the local priorities are. In Derbyshire the Alzheimer's Society are working with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Adult Care and Derbyshire County PCT.

They will also be working with local organisations to support the delivery of the strategy.

The Dementia Strategy sets out 17 recommendations for action in 3 categories - Raising Awareness and Understanding, Early Diagnosis and Support, and Living Well with Dementia.

The Alzheimer's Society are working with the Mental Health Foundation to deliver proposals on how to go further in measuring the quality of life for people with dementia. The Society also needs to gather evidence about implementation and have so far been doing this locally at Dementia Cafes.

Much of the comment and questioning from the audience focussed on local issues and implementation rather than the national campaign. In response to a question about how the Alzheimer's Society planned to "develop senior commitment to change to



Sally Plummer

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# Report from the Health and Social Care Forum

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ensure lock in and momentum”, Sally agreed that a lot of work needs to be done locally.

A member of the audience raised the problem people face in getting an early diagnosis of dementia and in applying for funding for people in the early stages of dementia, when it is classed a non medical need.

She felt that it is unacceptable to give a diagnosis of dementia without signposting or providing relevant information to patients and suggested that it is up to voluntary organisations locally to ‘bang on doors’,

Concern was expressed for those who are caring for people with dementia and often develop mental health issues themselves due to stress.

**The National Dementia Strategy for England is available to download from [www.dh.gov.uk/dementia](http://www.dh.gov.uk/dementia).**

**More information is also available from [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk) or by emailing [sally.plummer@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:sally.plummer@alzheimers.org.uk).**

## **New Horizons – A Shared Vision for Mental Health Presentation by Roger Kerry, NDVA Mental Health Liaison Worker**

Roger began by explaining to the meeting that before New Horizons – A Shared Vision for Mental Health - was the National Service Framework for Mental Health which ran for ten years. Previously the main emphasis was on getting people out of institutions and into care in the community. New Horizons moves

into areas of wellbeing and recovery. Two aims are to improve the mental health and well being of the population and to improve the quality and accessibility of services for people with poor mental health.

Roger has been identifying opportunities the voluntary sector might find in the Strategy. These include voluntary sector work sharing the ideals of mental health promotion and tackling stigma; personalisation could also work to the benefit of the voluntary sector; innovation is the voluntary sectors strong point, it also has a commitment to multi-agency commissioning and can provide value for money.



Roger Kerry

In response to a question from the audience, Roger agreed that mental health service users find it more difficult to access personalisation and that changes need to be made.

Comments were made that using local services is more valuable to local service users, yet these services cannot compete when it comes to tendering with large organisations. It was felt that local organisations could be more joined up at a local level when it comes to tendering. It was agreed that Derbyshire Contracts Advice Network (DCAN) are very helpful when putting together bids.

**Copies of New Horizons: A Shared Vision for Mental Health are available from [www.orderline.dh.gov.uk](http://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk) or by phoning 0300 123 1003. Roger can also email copies - contact him on 01246 555908 or email [ndvamentalhealth@btconnect.com](mailto:ndvamentalhealth@btconnect.com).**

## Business Meeting

The NDVA Committee Business Meeting due to take place in January had been postponed due to bad weather. It had been rearranged to take place after the Forum, on 9th February 2010. Sue Howard therefore used this part of the agenda to ask the Forum for their views on and expectations of NDVA.

The meeting discussed the importance of networking and agreed this should be an ongoing process; it is important to ensure that vital information is shared. It was suggested and agreed that an issues sub-group meet in early February to identify key topics and, if appropriate, dates for future meetings. It was agreed that feedback will be given at the next Forum. Members thought it important that the issues group remain focussed. Roger Kerry offered the use of the Mental Health Liaison Service terms of reference, as it is also a sub-group of the Forum.

It was asked that there be a broader range of presentations at future meetings and that local groups be given time to make short presentations about their work and progress. Sue Howard and David Timcke said they would be very happy to provide agenda space for groups. David also reminded the audience of the standing invitation for groups to publicise and promote their work via 'Network', the NDVA newsletter.

NDVA are looking at updating their website and, in the not too distant future, organisations may find it useful to post information about their activities on the website.

Concerns were raised that the Forum is not represented at any PCT meetings and frustration that the PCT appears to have little concept of the scope of voluntary sector activity. Some members felt that, since the PCT became countywide, it has become difficult to find any local contact. David was asked to feedback this concern to the Joint Operational Group (JOG) which he attends.

Under 'Any Other Business', it was asked whether it would be feasible to have a Forum meeting every two months instead of three. Sue Howard replied that NDVA are only funded to have quarterly meetings and there is a lot of organising involved for the small staff team. It was agreed that this would be a future agenda item.

David Timcke reminded the meeting that this would be the last Forum under the name North Derbyshire Voluntary Action. Membership will not automatically transfer to the new company, so any organisations or individuals who wish to become members of the new NDVA should complete a registration form as soon as possible.

**The next Forum meeting (and first general meeting of NDVA) will be held at The Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, from 9.30am on 21st April 2010.**

# Derbyshire LINK

(with acknowledgements to 'Monitor' – the newsletter of Derbyshire LINK)

## Farewell Nick

**Nick Whitehead, who has been Derbyshire LINK Manager since it was launched two years ago, left us at the end of February to take up a new post within the Derbyshire County Council Adult Care team. Nick will be sorely missed by the LINK team - as well as his colleagues at the NDVA office who have relied on him to suggest which cable to 'wiggle' whenever our IT system has thrown a wobbly!**



*Nick Whitehead*

Nick is leaving LINK with the knowledge that it is in a position of strength and is well placed to move forward into its final year of funding. Derbyshire LINK is respected not only locally

but also at regional and national levels. Nick paid tribute to the strong Steering Group now in place and the excellent staff team supporting them.

Nick said "I shall miss all the wonderful people I have met during my time here and I send you my thanks and best wishes for the future to you all."

John Morris will be acting as LINK Manager until a permanent appointment is made.

## Welcome Tanya

Tanya Nolan recently joined Derbyshire LINK as Development Worker for 'seldom heard people'. Tanya, who is based at the NDVA office, impressed us with the amazing amount of learning and development experiences she has packed into her busy life. In addition to employment as a dental nurse then home carer, Tanya has been a volunteer with the deaf community, gaining Levels 1 and 2 British Sign Language on the way! She has also undertaken a variety of volunteering roles through Sure Start



*Tanya Nolan*

Tanya's role with LINK is to explore existing liaison between seldom heard groups and Derbyshire LINK and develop improved two way communications, in order to ensure that the views of seldom heard people help shape health and social care services.

**We are delighted to welcome Tanya onto the LINK team.**

## Members

Derbyshire LINK currently has 479 individual members on its database and 149 Groups (who represent 13,763 members or service users). This gives a potential reach to a network of 14,242 individuals.

## Steering Group

The Steering Group's revised Terms of Reference have now been agreed. The election of the Chair has been published and we will continue to see David Briggs in this role.

## Radio Advertising Campaign Update

The LINK advertising campaigns (run in conjunction with Derby LINK) are both well underway on Ram FM and Peak FM, with a noticeable uplift in website enquiries over this period.

In the Peak FM area the 'Peak Action' element of the campaign ran over the month of February with a different theme highlighted each week. The four themes picked to reflect a younger person health and social care experiences, are 'carers', 'physical disabilities', 'GP's', and 'sexual health and family planning'.

The first of 11 planned events of the Ram FM 'thunder crew' activity took place at Chesterfield College and was very successful, with 84 new members signed up (all under 25 years old). Other events are taking place across the City and County.

## CQC Event

Derbyshire LINK organised, publicised and facilitated an event at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield on behalf of the Care Quality Commission (CQC). This was an open public forum linked to the inspection work the CQC carried out around Derbyshire County

Council Adult Care Services. The event was a great success with 44 members of the public in attendance. The CQC panel members had high praise for the LINK organisation of this event and commented that this was the best attended event they have had so far in this round of inspections nationally.

## 'Enter and View' Volunteers Wanted

Derbyshire LINK is offering the people of Derbyshire a new volunteering opportunity – Enter and View.

LINK Development Workers have been gathering views, comments and concerns from the public about health and social care services in their area. When a collective comment or issue arises (such as a local GP has a great appointment booking service or a day centre for older people has poor access), volunteers may be asked to make a lay visit.

**If you are interested in finding out more about becoming an Enter and View Volunteer – and preferably if you have some experience of health and /or social care as a worker, volunteer or service user – please contact the Volunteer Development Worker, Catherine Clarke on 017773 512076 or email her at: [catherine@derbyshirelink.org.uk](mailto:catherine@derbyshirelink.org.uk)**



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## NDVA : Your Membership, Your Vote

The Health and Social Care Forum on 21st April will also be the first General Meeting of the new NDVA (a company limited by guarantee). This general meeting will appoint a board of directors to take NDVA forward.

Since the membership list of North Derbyshire Voluntary Action will cease to be valid when the charity is dissolved, only those groups and individuals who have registered as members of the new NDVA will be entitled to vote in this process.

Registration Forms and reminders were emailed / posted to the current membership of North Derbyshire Voluntary Action, included in the last edition of Network and made available at the previous Forum.

If you have not completed a new member registration form please, please do so. Even if it is too late for you to take part in the Director voting process on 21st April, your membership will enable you to vote on important decisions about the future of NDVA in the coming months and years.

## Supporting People with Mental Health Conditions

Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living (DCIL) has set up a project supporting people with mental health conditions. Drop in sessions take place in Matlock, Swadlincote and Bakewell every 2 weeks.

If your group works in this field these sessions could be very useful for your users.

DCIL organise advice and information for people and offer training to anyone interested in mental health and social inclusion.

**For more information call 01773 740246.**

## Chesterfield Law Centre announces the extension of free legal services to residents of Bolsover district.

Thanks to funding from Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), the Law Centre - which has been offering free services to residents in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire for almost 20 years - will be offering appointments across the district in Shirebrook, Bolsover, Creswell and South Normanton.

Clare Lodder, Centre Co-ordinator says "This service will be working alongside existing agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centres and will allow us to help more people. We are well aware that there has not been adequate legal help in this area for people facing housing, debt and employment problems"

Most of the time, the service is restricted to those people who qualify for legal aid, but in the current economic climate this covers many people, and if the Law Centre is not able to help, they will do their best to point people in the right direction.

To access this new extended service, the Law Centre can be contacted on **01246 550674** or by texting **07781 482826**; for deaf and hard of hearing clients the minicom number is **0845 833 4252**. More information about Chesterfield Law Centre's services can be found on the website at **[www.chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk](http://www.chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk)**

## Effective Supervision Skills (2 day course)

IDT Training and Education are offering this course to be run on 10th and 11th March at the Amber Valley CVS premises, Ripley. The cost is £198 + VAT

**For further information see**  
**[www.idttraining.com](http://www.idttraining.com)**  
**or email [mail@idttraining.com](mailto:mail@idttraining.com).**  
**Tel: 01803 299049**

## Personalisation Update

A film of the Derbyshire County Council Making Care Personal Your Choice Your Life is now available. The film provides an overview of how Adult Care is preparing for the changes as we move towards Personalisation. The film can either be viewed at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk) or copies can be obtained by contacting Derbyshire County Council Adult Care (Tel: 01629 580000).

It is planned to introduce a Brokerage Team in Adult Care. Initially brokers will be employed to match a registered provider to an individual's support needs, where the Support Plan has identified this as the chosen means of achieving a service user's preferred outcomes. The role will include the promotion of choice of provider and the completion of purchase orders, but not Support Planning. As the market changes and the range of support solutions increases, the range of suppliers and providers that can be purchased through brokers is likely to expand. Initially this service will focus on setting up home care and other community based contracts. Once fully established, it is likely the Brokerage Team will also assist in matching users with Care Homes.

## Service Enters its 5<sup>TH</sup> Year

The NDVA Mental Health Liaison Service began its 5th year on January 1st 2010. This year is likely to be a challenging one for the voluntary sector yet again. Funding is short and possible political changes make the future uncertain.

Roger Kerry and Bryony White will be working hard to represent the voluntary sector providers at a strategic level and to secure the best deal from our commissioners. The partnership with our colleagues in the South remains strong and we will be working to maintain the influence we have achieved over the last five years.

As a sector we may have to get used to different ways of working with each other and the statutory sector without losing our distinctiveness and the ethos of our organisations. Interesting times ahead!

## Commissioners and the Voluntary Sector

A date and venue has now been set for the March Joint Forum Meeting. As you may remember from the last issue of Network, this is our sector's opportunity to question the commissioners on the issues that concern us. Members of the NDVA Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network will be joined by our colleagues from the Southern Derbyshire Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum (SDVSMHF) at a meeting to be held at **Coney Green Business Centre, Clay Cross near Chesterfield on 30th March**. The meeting will begin at 12 noon with a presentation on suicide awareness, to be

delivered by Sharon Lovell of Rural Action Derbyshire, to be followed by a buffet lunch. At 1:30 it will be the question and answer session with David Gardner, Head of the Mental Health Commissioning Team.

If you have issues that you would like to be raised please send them to Roger as soon as possible so that he can forward them to David Gardner. A good attendance is important for us to show the commissioners that the voluntary sector is important in the service delivery in Derbyshire and for us to influence the future. I hope to see you all there. (See notice on page 15)

## Delivering Race Equality

### Community Development Workers (CDW) Evaluation

In Derbyshire the CDWs employed to deliver parts of the Delivering Race Equality (DRE) agenda in mental health were employed by BME organisations. In most other areas they were employed by statutory organisations. Derbyshire's innovative approach has had some notable successes as

well as some problems along the way.

The DRE Review Group, on which Roger is a member, has commissioned the University of Derby to evaluate the scheme. The evaluation will be used to help develop work for the future. The report should be available in the early summer.

# Mental Health Awareness Training

**Roger, in partnership with Ruth Stretton the Training and Development Officer at SDVSMHF, and some voluntary sector organisations are working to put together a programme of mental health awareness training, which will be available to all of the voluntary sector and maybe other agencies in future.**

A Mental Health Awareness Group has been formed and has managed to attract some funding to get the process underway.

The training will be offered throughout the County either at places of work or at suitable venues. It is designed to be useful to

any organisation which might come into contact with people with mental health issues, even if mental health is not the main focus of their work. It can be delivered to staff or volunteers whether at the service's front line or in a more administrative role.

The Group are well on the way to putting a training programme together and will be recruiting and training the trainers to deliver it at the end of April. Elements of the programme will be piloted during May. If your organisation would be interested in receiving a one day training session in May please contact Roger to be one of our pilots.

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## Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT)

**At the time of going to press the decision as to which organisations will be providing IAPT services in the third area (High Peak, Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire) has not been made by commissioners.**

The decision is between Steps to Change and First Steps. Steps to Change are a partnership between Lincolnshire Partnership Trust and Mental Health Matters and currently provide IAPT services in Chesterfield and North Eastern Derbyshire. First steps are a partnership between Derbyshire Mental Health Services Trust and Turning Point and currently provide services in Amber Valley and Erewash.

Roger has been maintaining good working contacts with both partnerships. He feels that as IAPT services develop there may well be opportunities for the local voluntary sector to be involved either as a referral route for their service users, or for sub-contracting.

# Funding

## Big Lottery Fund - 'Lighter Touch' Version of the Reaching Communities Programme for England

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that at least £100 million a year is to be invested across England, in an improved version of its Reaching Communities programme, for each of the next five years.

The main aim of Reaching Communities is to help bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. The new funding, which will be introduced this spring, comes with two distinct improvements.

Firstly, applicants seeking smaller sums of money - up to £40,000 a year - will be able to access this funding more easily, with a simplified application and assessment procedure. Secondly, a two-stage decision making process for larger bids will ensure

that all applicants learn sooner whether their project is likely to receive funding. For those invited to the second stage, the likelihood of success will be higher.

Additionally, a third element, due to be launched in the autumn, will comprise a dedicated capital stream, responding to the high, unmet demand for funding for community buildings. This element will fund medium-sized refurbishments, new builds or extensions to community centres and village halls, meeting local community needs and aspirations.

These changes are a response to the Big Lottery Fund's Big Thinking consultation, which took place last year.

SEE [http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities](http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities)

Applications to the current Reaching Communities Programme, for grants of between £10,000 and £500,000, may be submitted at any time

## NDVA Small Grants Scheme 2010

**This scheme offers funding to support health related voluntary groups and NDVA aims to distribute the funding equally across the different localities of North Derbyshire. Funding is provided by Derbyshire County PCT and Derbyshire County Council.**

If your group is contributing to the health (in its widest context) of people in an area of North Derbyshire and is in need of funding to support its running costs (e.g. room hire, transport, postage, advertising, volunteer expenses), it may be eligible for a grant

The maximum grant will be up to £1,000 for groups with high running costs, with the average grant being up to £600. Priority is given to voluntary groups that have limited sources of alternative funding.

Application closing dates in 2010 are 19 March, 25 June and 10 September.

**The application form and scheme details can be downloaded from our website [www.ndva.org.uk](http://www.ndva.org.uk) or you can contact us via email [ndva@btconnect.com](mailto:ndva@btconnect.com) or telephone us on 01246 555908**

## Bringing People Together

Grants are being made available to help bring communities across Derbyshire together. Evidence shows that people in Derbyshire are less likely to feel people from different backgrounds get on well together than in some other areas in England.

So the Derbyshire Bringing People Together Fund - supported by Derbyshire County Council and its partners - aims to help tackle this issue. One-off grants ranging from £100 to £2,000 are available to local community, faith and voluntary groups across the county until September.

The money could be spent on activities such as:

- Helping neighbours get to know each other better.
- Connecting schools with the wider community.
- Bringing young people from different backgrounds and areas together.
- Older people's groups sharing experiences with local school children.

To apply for a grant, a group must be based in and/or provide services in the Derbyshire area. Applications can be submitted at any time until 16 July and will be considered bi-monthly by a small panel. Applicants will be told if they have been successful as soon as possible. All projects must take place before 30 September.

Application forms are available by emailing [policy@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:policy@derbyshire.gov.uk) or by telephoning Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058.

More information (including the fund criteria and application form) is available on the Derbyshire County Council website at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum) or by writing to Policy and Research, Derbyshire County Council, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG.

The Derbyshire Partnership Forum will also be staging a six-week campaign aimed at promoting community cohesion across Derbyshire from April 11 to May 23.

More information about this partnership, including a list of members can be found at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum)

## Comic Relief Funding

For projects in the UK, Comic Relief currently have the following programmes:

- **Mental Health**
- **Domestic and Sexual Abuse**
- **Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women**
- **Sport for Change**
- **Local Communities**
- **Older People**

*Please note that as Comic Relief received a huge response to the first grant cycle of their Older People's Programme, they have narrowed the criteria for applicants. Only those that have*

*an exact fit with the programme aims and outcomes will be considered.*

- **Young People aged 11-25:**
  - Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People
  - Young People and Alcohol
  - Young People with Mental Health Problems

Other Programmes:

- **Young Carers:**

This programme is managed by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. Further information will be available soon from [www.carers.org](http://www.carers.org)

For detailed information visit:

**[www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/uk](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk)**

## Derbyshire Health and Housing Group

**Derbyshire County PCT is working in partnership with local authorities, voluntary sector and housing organisations to provide funding to address the needs of vulnerable people and communities across the county to help develop:**

- New innovative/sustainable projects
- Start up funding
- Projects that are strategically relevant
- Added value to services
- Working in partnership with other agencies

**Does your project link into the aims and objectives of any of the following strategies:**

- Local Housing and Health Strategy's
- Homelessness Strategy
- Inequalities
- Health Delivery Plans / Choosing Health
- Supporting People Strategy
- Local Area Agreements (national indicators)

**Does your Project Plan promote housing and care needs of vulnerable people such as:**

- Young people with chaotic lifestyles
- Teenage parents
- Victims of domestic violence
- Energy efficiency
- Homelessness
- Alcohol and drug misuse
- Mental health
- Ex offenders at risk of re offending
- Older people

For an electronic application form and guidance notes please contact:

**jane.horton @derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk**

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**Tel: 01773 525025**

## Children in Need - Small Grants programme

The new scheme marks the first time Children in Need have run a UK-wide small grants programme, offering up to £10,000 per year for up to 3 years and is aimed predominantly at organisations which have not previously considered applying.

The programme is open to any third sector organisation working with children and young people under the age of 18.

**The next funding round deadlines are:**

- 15 April
- 15 July
- 15 October

**See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/smallgrants.shtml>**

# Fundraising

## Ashgate Hospice Fundraising – Dates for your Diary 2010

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>April</b>				
Friday	23rd April	7.00pm	Mayors Appeal Buckingham's Hotel Contact Vivian Miller on 01246 345239	The Town Hall Chesterfield
<b>May</b>				
Sunday	2nd May	10.00am- 10.00pm	Mayors Appeal Gala in the Park Contact Vivian Miller on 01246 345239	Queens Park Chesterfield
Saturday	8th May	8.30am- 5.00pm	Street Collection	Chesterfield Town Centre
Saturday	15th May	9.30-12.30	Abseil Limited spaces available	Curbar Edge
Saturday	15th May	11am-1.00pm	Spring Fair & Book and Plant Sale	Ashgate Hospice
Saturday	23rd May	9.30am- 12.30pm	Fancy Drag Race 5 mile road race (men only)	Chesterfield Town Centre
<b>June</b>				
Saturday /	19th / 20th	10.00pm– 8.00am	Midsummer Midnight Walk 13 mile (Ladies only)	Dronfield to Ashgate and return
Sunday	June			
<b>July</b>				
Sunday	4th July	All Day Event	It's a Knockout Limited team places available	Cutthorpe Chesterfield
Saturday	10th July	11.30pm- 3.30pm	Summer Fair	Ashgate Hospice
Wednesday	21st July	All Day Event	Golf Day	Chesterfield Golf Club

**For full 2010 Dairy or further information contact:**

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**or call 01246 567250**

## Does Your Hall Make the Mark?

### News of a half-day event on 11th March 2010.

A new, nationally recognised standards scheme for Village Halls and Community Buildings is now available across Derbyshire, and halls in the North East of the County can find out more at a special half-day event on Thursday 11th March 2010.

The Hallmark Scheme, offered in Derbyshire through Rural Action Derbyshire's highly valued Village Halls Service, has been specially designed to recognise the different aspects of village and community hall management.

The half-day event at South Wingfield Parish Rooms will provide those that attend:

- with further information about the Hallmark scheme and the different standards,
- an understanding of the process and how to apply into the scheme, and
- a better understanding of charity administration – necessary to achieve Hallmark 1.

"We are delighted to be able to offer the new Hallmark scheme in Derbyshire," remarks Helena Stubbs, Rural Action Derbyshire's Village Halls Advisor. "Like many local charities, village and community halls are run by a small team of dedicated volunteers. This standards scheme now gives them the opportunity to be externally assessed and, if successful, receive recognition for the charity and for all the hard work that goes into the day to day running of community premises."

Anyone interested in the event and the scheme itself should contact Helen Faraday at Rural Action Derbyshire on 01629 824797. Further information is also available on Rural Action Derbyshire's website at [www.derbyshireccc.org.uk](http://www.derbyshireccc.org.uk).

Further Hallmark events will be run throughout the year. If you would like more information please contact Rural Action Derbyshire or visit the website.

## New Horizons - New Possibilities for Race Equality

The East Midlands Development Centre is hosting a series of FREE events throughout 2010. The first in the series highlights the importance of Delivering Race Equality within the context of New Horizons, a programme launched to improve mental health care and well-being.

### Topics for workshops and plenary sessions will include:

- perspectives on race equality;
- increasing access to psychological therapies;
- effective use of data;

- community development workers;
- the personalisation agenda; and
- service user/carers engagement.

The first event takes place on Wednesday 28 April 2010 at the Peepul Centre, 28 Orchardson Avenue, Leicester, LE4 6DP.

Places are limited and early booking is recommended.

**For more information and to book a place: email**  
[kay.morgan@eastmidlands.nhs.uk](mailto:kay.morgan@eastmidlands.nhs.uk)

## Joint Forum Meeting

Tuesday, 30th March 12pm to 4pm  
(Buffet lunch included)

Members of SDVSMHF & NDVA welcome

### Meeting Agenda:

12pm Suicide Awareness  
Presentation by Sharon Lovell,  
Rural Action Derbyshire

1pm Buffet Lunch

1.30pm Meet David Gardner  
Derbyshire County PCT Lead  
Commissioner for Mental Health

### Venue:

Coney Green Business Centre  
Wingfield View  
Coney Green Business Park  
Clay Cross  
Chesterfield S45 9JW

We hope you can join us!

If you are unable to attend, please  
send apologies to:

**cheryl.mason@sdvsmhf.org.uk**  
or telephone **01773 599995**

## Driving with Diabetes - High Peak Diabetic Self Help Group

This special meeting to discuss the implications  
of driving with diabetes will be held on 15th  
March at the Portland Hotel, 32 Saint John's  
Road, Buxton SK17 6XQ

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