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121. N.A.P.P.'s 30th Annual Conference...

We would like to encourage you to register for N.A.P.P.'s Annual Conference and AGM which is being held in Cardiff on 11th June. The theme is Good Quality Primary Care and we have an outstanding keynote speaker in Professor David Haslam, President of the Royal College of General Practitioners. The Conference booking form is attached to this bulletin for ease of reference. We hope to see you there!

122. Evidence for self-care

The Working in Partnership Programme has produced a very useful document summarising some of the key evidence in favour of a greater emphasis on self-care within the NHS. This shows that self-care can make a major difference to our life chances, as well as making a big difference to demands upon services. They cite evidence, for example, that physically active people have 20-30 per cent reduced risk of premature death and up to 50 per cent reduced risk of major chronic disease such as coronary heart disease, stroke diabetes and cancer. They further quote American research that self management and social support programmes for people with chronic illness deliver improved health status and improved self-efficacy with a benefits-cost ratio of at least 22:1.

http://www.selfcareconnect.nhs.uk/uploads/self_care_-_the_evidence_final.doc

123. Quality in Milton Keynes

A major quality improvement project is now under way in Milton Keynes. It is a partnership between the Patient and Public Involvement Forum (as was), Oxford University's Centre for Evidence Based Medicine and Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust. The programme aims to help close the gaps between current ways of working and best clinical practice in primary care. Services are being redesigned in a way that places evidence, service users and primary care right at the heart of decision making and quality improvement. We are delighted that the development of Patient Participation Groups is an integral part of this quality initiative. Further, general information can be found at:

<http://www.mkpct.org.uk/content.asp?ContentID=1444>



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124. Local Accountability

The Kings Fund has just produced an interesting publication on the accountability of local Primary Care Trusts. The full text can be downloaded free of charge using the link below:

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/kings_fund_publications/local_accountability.html

125. Local Involvement Networks

Less than 90% of local authorities expect to have hosts in place for their Local Involvement Networks by the end of July 2008. This fact is revealed in the latest LINKs bulletin provided by the NHS Centre for Involvement. These bulletins are a valuable resource for anyone with an interest in the progress of LINKs and can be accessed by following:

<http://www.nhscentreforinvolvement.nhs.uk/index.cfm?content=142&menu=36>

126. Patient and Public Involvement in Commissioning

N.A.P.P. continues to take an active interest in how patients and the public are influencing commissioning decisions. Our concern remains that there is too much emphasis on doing the same things in a different place (often termed “providing care closer to home”) with insufficient focus on (a) improving the quality of what continues to be provided (b) prevention and (c) starting from the needs and wants of the users of services. The Picker Institute has produced an excellent step by step guide for developing engagement in this area.

http://www.pickereurope.org/Filestore/Presentations/Advanced_commissioning29-4-08.pdf

Kind regards

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