



# Weekly Update

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## Events Diary

### 29 April

IHM Scotland/Association of CHPs

#### Community Health Partnerships

9.30-4.30, Airth Castle Hotel

*1 day seminar: plenary and workshop sessions with all topics relating to Primary Care and Community Health Partnership functions and activities. See attached flyer for details and booking.*

### 22 & 23 May

Scottish Conference for Practice Management

#### Sustaining Quality

Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld

*Annual conference designed by practice managers for practice managers. See attached flyer for full programme and booking.*

### 4 June & 18 June

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#### Project Management

9.30-4.30, Huntingtower Hotel, Perth

*2 day workshop. See attached flyer for details.*

### 10 June

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#### 'How to increase your power and influence'

9.30-4.00, Airth Castle Hotel

*First in series of three interactive workshops linked to IHM Milestones. See attached flyer for details and booking.*

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## This week in Parliament

*The Scottish Parliament is now in recess until the week beginning Monday 14 April.*

### Justice Secretary reaffirms action on alcohol is priority

Justice Secretary, Kenny MacAskill, has reiterated the Scottish Government's determination to tackle alcohol misuse, after attending the European Policy on Alcohol Conference last week. "Some of the action already taken by other countries is well worth considering as we in Scotland develop a strategic approach to tackling alcohol misuse," he said, "For example Spain has developed a model to help young drinkers, that means they get the help and support they need in the family setting... Co-operation is key to making a real difference to Scotland's problems with alcohol. By working together and learning from each other we can get Scotland's drinking down to a level where it becomes a positive part of our social and cultural life - and stops fuelling crime and costing our economy and health service."

[www.ias.org.uk/buildingcapacity/conference/index.html](http://www.ias.org.uk/buildingcapacity/conference/index.html)

### Emergency Workers Act protection extended

Amendments to the Emergency Workers Act, which extends its provisions to GPs, other doctors, nurses and midwives working in the community, have now come into force. Public Health Minister, Shona Robison, commented that "...since the introduction of the Emergency Workers Act in 2005 a significant number of individuals have been prosecuted for these types of offences. I hope this will encourage NHS staff to report cases of abuse or assault in the workplace. We must send out a clear message to offenders that their actions will not be tolerated and they could face prosecution."

### Substance abuse recovery report released

A report on essential care to aid the recovery of people who have problems with substance misuse has been published online by the Scottish Advisory Committee on Drug Misuse. The report looks at support that is needed to address problems in areas of drug service users' lives other than addiction, such as general health, mental health and social skills and relationships.

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/20144059/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/20144059/0)

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## Devolved nations issue joint NHS statement

Health Secretary, Nicola Sturgeon, last week met with her fellow Health Ministers from Wales and Northern Ireland, using the occasion to publish a joint statement agreeing core NHS values. Ms Sturgeon, Northern Ireland's Minister of Health, Michael McGimpsey, and Welsh Minister for Health and Social Services, Edwina Hart, all signed up to the statement that: "Our three Governments support strongly the founding principles of the NHS. As we approach its 60th anniversary, we remain committed to ensuring that the NHS in each country provides a universal and comprehensive service with equal access for all, free at the point of use and based on clinical need rather than the ability to pay."

The statement goes on to commit the three governments to work to: reduce health inequalities; promote public health and enable health improvement; improve the quality of healthcare services; secure best value for the taxpayers who pay for NHS services; and also states that the NHS in each country will be based on partnership between the government, the public, patients, and staff and trade unions. The statement commits to continued "effective intergovernmental co-operation" to aid each country in tackling their respective health challenges.

## Autism services guidance published

The Scottish Government has published new policy and practice guidance for people involved in organising services for people with autistic spectrum disorder. It has been developed to build on developments in translating policy into practice that have taken place since the publication of the Autistic Spectrum Disorders Needs Assessment Report in 2002. The new guidance includes a range of tools including a national diagnostic standard and statistics on the prevalence of autistic spectrum disorder across Scotland.

Download the guidance at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/27085247/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/27085247/0).

## Event series supports IHM Milestones study

IHM has developed a pilot series of three interactive, practical workshops to link to its Milestones programme of continuing professional development. Each workshop provides managers with a valuable CPD opportunity in its own right but for those preparing for or considering the Milestones programme, each workshop will support your study of individual Milestones.

The first workshop in the programme, 'How to increase your power and influence', takes place on 10 June at Airth Castle and links to the 'Role of the Enterprise Manager' Milestone. The workshop will be led by Hilary Robertson of Double Loop Development and will focus on developing the skills and techniques required by managers in healthcare settings to increase their power to affect decision-making and change in their organisations and to improve the influence they have with colleagues and partners. A booking form is attached with the Update.

Further workshops in September and November will link to the 'Managing Service Quality' and 'Organisational structure and information flow' Milestones. Look out for details of these in future Updates.

## Project Management workshop for Perth

In response to popular demand, IHM Scotland is repeating its two-day Project Management course, in a location for managers based outside the central belt. Last year's event in Motherwell was a huge success and a number of members asked the Institute to restage the course in a more northerly venue. As a result, the same course will now take place on 4 and 18 June at the Huntingtower Hotel in Perth. John Hutchison from the Grange Group will lead the two-day workshop, with the first day covering the theory and practice and the second day allowing individuals the opportunity to come together to share experiences of what has worked best in practice. The course is open to all managers who are new to the discipline of project management. Full details and a booking form are attached with the Update.

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