



Weekly Update

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Events Diary

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

IHM Scotland

Project Management

9.30-4.30, Huntingtower Hotel, Perth
2 day workshop. See attached flyer for details.

9 June

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Organ Transplantation in Scotland: Presumed Consent and Other Options

9.00-4.30, Queen Mother Conference Centre, RCPE, Queen St, Edinburgh
Hot Topic Symposium: see www.rcpe.ac.uk/education/events/organ-plantation-june-08.php for full programme and details.

10 June

IHM Scotland

'How to increase your power and influence'

9.30-4.00, Airth Castle Hotel
See attached flyer for details and booking.

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This week in Parliament Wednesday

10:00 Health and Sport Committee

The Committee will consider the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1) and consider its approach to a one-off evidence session on mental health services for deaf and deafblind people.

14:30 Ministerial Statement: Free personal care

17:00 Members' Debate: Nanette Milne (Con, NE Scotland) - Alternative and Augmentative Communication

That the Parliament expresses concern following the findings by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, Capability Scotland and Augmentative Communication in Practice whose recent survey of alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) equipment and speech and language therapy support provision in Scotland revealed that eight out of 15 NHS boards, including NHS Grampian, are providing a poor service; notes that only 16% of potential beneficiaries are accessing specialist AAC services in Scotland and that AAC provision is a postcode, age, advocacy and impairment lottery, and considers that an AAC strategy for Scotland should be developed and implemented to provide for a national standard of specialist speech and language therapy provision.

Thursday

11:40 General Question Time

Margaret Curran (Lab, Glasgow Baillieston): when did the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing last met representatives of housing associations in Glasgow

12:00 First Minister's Question Time

14:55 Scottish Government Debate: Effective Public Services

Parliament passes Games Bill

MSPs last week unanimously agreed to pass the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill into law. The Bill is a technical requirement, which was part of the city's bid for the Games, and provides enabling powers to ensure the Games run smoothly. During the debate on the Bill, several contributions also stressed the importance of securing a health legacy for Scotland from the Games. Robert Brown (LibDem, Glasgow) commented, "It is entirely good that the Commonwealth games will take place in the city that has Britain's worst health, mortality, morbidity, poverty and deprivation statistics. It is not too much to say that the games could play a significant part in changing and banishing those things for ever."

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Health Committee seeks evidence on role of rehabilitation

The Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee has asked for written evidence to be submitted on the role of rehabilitation services in shifting the balance of care from secondary to primary care. The inquiry's intends to examine whether the recommendations of the then Scottish Executive's 2007 publication, *Co-ordinated, integrated and fit for purpose: A delivery framework for adult rehabilitation in Scotland*, are being implemented across NHS Scotland.

Key questions to be addressed in the inquiry include:

- What are patients' experiences of rehabilitation services? How will the framework change services to patients?
- What changes need to be made to workforce planning and social services to allow the framework to be implemented?
- How will the framework change the role of allied health professionals in delivering rehabilitation services?
- Are current community facilities adequate? To what extent are they able to meet new demands that the framework places on them?
- How far are NHS boards, local authorities and associated bodies able to fulfil their roles under the framework?
- What changes in financing will be required as a result of shifts in the balance of care, particularly between acute and primary care/community health budgets?
- What barriers to the successful implementation of the framework exist? How can these be overcome?

The deadline for written submission is **9 July 2008**. Submissions should be no more than 6 sides of A4 in length and should be emailed (for preference) to healthandsportcommittee@scottish.parliament.uk or sent in hard copy to: Balance of Health Care Inquiry, Health and Sport Committee, Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh EH99 1SP.

There is also still time for evidence to be submitted to the Committee's ongoing inquiries into Mental Health Services (www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/hs/inquiries/Mental%20Health%20Sevices/MentalHealthServicesInquiry.htm) and Health Inequalities (www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/hs/inquiries/Health%20Inequalities/HealthInequalitiesInquiry.htm.)

Follow the links for inquiry remits and contact details.

New Network events for Lanarkshire and Ayrshire: book now!

Following the recent appointment of Managers' Development Network Facilitators for the regions, new networking events for local managers will shortly be taking place in Lanarkshire and Ayrshire. In Lanarkshire, the inaugural networking event will be a presentation from the legendary Jim Leishman, director of football with Dunfermline FC and a highly sought-after motivational speaker. Jim will talk on the subject 'Working within your limits but still exceeding your expectations' at what promises to be an unmissable event at Chatelherault Country Park on Friday 13 June. Contact madeleine.obrien@ihmscotland.co.uk to book your place and see the attached flyer for full details.

In Ayrshire, the latest Networking events will build on the programme that has already begun in the area. There are two opportunities to meet Wai-yin Hatton, chief executive of NHS Ayrshire & Arran and Hilary Iannotti, Education and Business Manager with IHM Scotland, for an informal discussion about the role of IHM, the value of networking and the key current management challenges within Ayrshire & Arran. You can attend on either Thursday 15 May at Ayr Hospital or Friday 23 May at Crosshouse Hospital. The contact is annie-clark1@btinternet.com and, again, full details are attached with this copy of Update.

As with all Network activities, these events are free and open to all managers and sandwiches/refreshments will be provided. Don't miss out on these invaluable opportunities to develop your knowledge and skills as a manager and to share experiences and learning with colleagues in an informal setting.

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