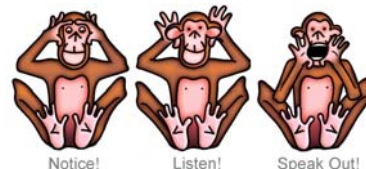


Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter

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New faces

There are some changes as we start the New Year.

Farewell to Ingrid.....

Ingrid Lee has left her role as DCI with Bradford and will now be based at West Yorkshire Police HQ at Wakefield.

We wish Ingrid the very best of luck with her new role and our thanks to her for all her hard work and determination in her time on the Board.

New Deputy Chair

Meanwhile, our new Deputy Chair will be Mick Oddy, who has already met with Peter Kay and Ruth Ingram. Mick is also a DCI with Bradford police.

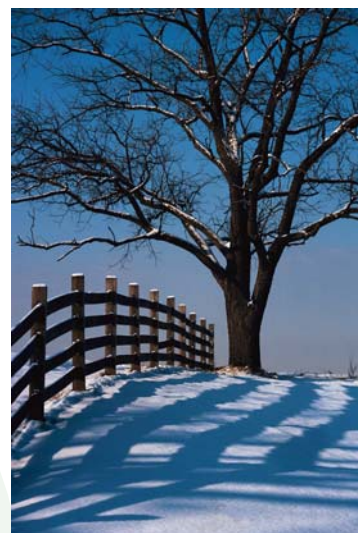
A warm welcome to Mick.

We have some new members for 2007.....

Nick Morris, Director of Nursing at BDCT is joining us. Margaret Errington will still be attending along with Nick.

Bridget Fletcher will be the Director lead for Adult Protection at Airedale NHS Trust, where she is Director of Nursing.

A warm welcome to all.



CSCI to not investigate abuse

In a recently published draft protocol, CSCI have announced it did not believe it had a role to carry out investigations in response to concerns about safeguarding adults. This protocol is now being discussed with the *Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS)*.

CSCI previously investigated some allegations of adult abuse—particularly

those occurring in residential or nursing homes. The Commission say their role is as a Regulator in regards to such cases, which should be investigated by partner agencies such as the police or local authorities.

A decision is due to be announced next month, after meetings with ADSS.

New BD5 drop—in centre launched

A new pilot drop-in centre, *Daisy Chain*, has been launched for women experiencing domestic abuse in the BD5 area.

The Centre will offer advice and support from a wide range of agencies including NSPCC, Sure Start, Staying Put, Bradford Women’s Aid and West Yorkshire Police.

For more information, contact the NSPCC on 01274 769800.



New Direction from Department of Health

The DoH announced mandatory new procedures for the issue of Alert Notices at the end of 2006, following consultation with NHS, professional bodies and others in 2004.

Alert Notices allow an NHS employer to notify other bodies of any healthcare professional they feel may pose a significant risk to patients and /or staff.

Alerts now have to be requested by the Chief Executive (or an Executive Board member) of the NHS body, directly to the specifically designated person in the Strategic Health Authority. Previously, alerts were made to Regional Directors of public health.

Sutton and Merton

Changes in commissioning are likely following the Cornwall and Sutton and Merton inspections.

The Government could soon announce plans to move commissioning responsibility for learning disability services (worth over £2bn annually) from the NHS to local government.

Care Services Minister Ivan Lewis said "We are seriously looking at transferring responsibility for this kind of care because most of it does not require healthcare", adding that he felt "this was the right way forward". In most of the country, services are either jointly commissioned by Councils and PCTs or councils take the lead responsibility via a pooled budget.

Rob Greig, National Director for Valuing People said "The key to Valuing People is citizenship and inclusion and these are responsi-

The SHA will issue a notice once they are satisfied that:

The healthcare professional poses a significant risk of harm; the individual may continue (or seek) to work in the NHS as a healthcare professional and that there is a "pressing need" for the notice.

The alert will then be issued by the SHA to a variety of organisations including each SHA in England, Chief Medical officers, the relevant regulatory body and the individual named in the alert.

Each alert will be subject to a review at least every 6 months and can be revoked or re-issued at any

time. abilities that rest with the local authority".

Jo Webber, Deputy Policy Director at the NHS Confederation said it should not matter whether PCTs or councils took the lead.

Rick Henderson, Director of Action for Advocacy, backs councils leading on commissioning, saying that councils are "much more au fait" with the advocacy system, which is "less accepted" in the clinical sphere. Advocacy services were found to be "patchy" in the Sutton and Merton report.

Calls for changes to be introduced more quickly following on from the Cornwall and Sutton and Merton audits.

Rob Greig feels that there are likely to be problems similar to those already seen in Cornwall and the like in other areas of the country. He highlighted assess-

time.

The SHA will keep any alert on record for 5 years after it has been revoked. The existence of a cancelled alert would be used as evidence should the same individual be considered a risk in the future.

Any alert will not be a bar to employment. It will be the responsibility of the potential employer to undertake the necessary risk assessment.

For further details, please visit:

www.dh.gov.uk

ment and treatment beds as a problem—"some people go in and two—three years later are still there". It is estimated there could be as many as 3,000 service users in "campus beds".

Services users to be part of inspection teams.....

Meanwhile the Healthcare Commission has announced it is looking for service users and their carers to be part of the peer review teams as part of the national audit. Each team will include one person with a learning disability or a family carer and a selection of staff (including managers or clinicians) from either the NHS or independent sector. All will be recruited and trained specifically for the role. The Commission will inspect between 160 to 200 learning disability residential settings by March 2007.

New blueprint to support elderly people

Professor Ian Philip, the DoH's National Director for Older People, has published a report recommending how to reconfigure care services for older people.

Plans focus around 5 key areas:

- ◆ early intervention and assessment of old age conditions;
- ◆ long-term conditions management in the community integrated with social care and specialist services;

- ◆ early supported discharge where possible delivering care closer to home;
- ◆ acute hospital care with quick access to specialist centers;
- ◆ partnership working built around the needs and wishes of older people and their families.

The report states the end result will be a reduced need for acute hospital care and an increase in

investment into preventative services and community-based services.

If you would like a copy of the report, please email Sue at the APU: susan.kendrick@bradford.gov.uk or visit: www.dh.gov.uk

News from the APU and Bradford Council

APU

As promised in the last issue, here is an update on staffing in the APU.

Jayne Morrell has been appointed as Assistant Adult Protection Co-ordinator in a permanent capacity. Jayne previously held the role on a short term basis. Congratulations to Jayne.

Our new Administrative Assistant is Theresa McKay who joins the Unit from Owlet Family Centre.

Bradford Council

There have been three major posts recruited since our last newsletter.

Jo Millar will be the new Deputy Chief Executive. Jo currently works in Knowsley, in the North West.

Our new Corporate Director will be Becky Hellard. Becky joins us from East Anglia.

Meanwhile, the new Strategic Director of Adult Services has also been appointed. News of this to follow shortly.

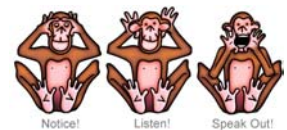
Goodbye to Kath.

As part of the major changes taking place in Social Services, Kath Tunstall has moved to her new role of Director of Children's Services from 1 January 2007.



Who's who in the APU.....

- **Ruth Ingram**—Adult Protection Co-ordinator
- **Bernadette Gallagher**—Assistant Co-ordinator
- **Lesley Latham**—Assistant Co-ordinator
- **Jayne Morrell**—Assistant Co-ordinator
- **Magdalena Myrcha and Saima Ashfaq**-Information and Administration Officers
- **Sue Kendrick** and **Theresa McKay** -Administrators



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