

Mental Health News

Health and Work

The Mental Health News e-bulletin is a daily bulletin issued by the Mental Health Improvement Programme (MHIP) containing an item relating to a Mental Health issue, development or outcome in the North West.

The aim is to bring awareness to our stakeholders about service improvement and innovative projects underway in Mental Health across the North West, and to encourage you (the reader) to act as vehicle for ensuring that you or your organisation is engaged with the work where applicable.

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The NHS North West Health and Work programme is supporting the region's NHS organisations to become exemplar public sector employers through developing a healthy workforce, widening participation of employment opportunities to vulnerable groups (specifically the PSA 16 group) and leading the NHS contribution to reducing worklessness in the region. In order to support this work a one day conference is being held. The day will include with three key note presentations on strategic initiatives to support this agenda:

- *The MINDFUL EMPLOYER[®] scheme* - how signing up to the charter can challenge stigma, improve mental wellbeing at work and provide ongoing support for employers in the recruitment and retention of staff.
- *Local Employment Partnerships (LEP)* - how Jobcentre Plus can support NHS trusts to maximise work opportunities for local communities and benefit from a range of employer support programmes.
- *Valuing Employment Now* - how NHS organisations can contribute to social inclusion and enhance diversity in the workforce by employing people with learning disabilities.

Each of the key note speeches will be complimented by a parallel session showcasing North West NHS organisations who have successfully implemented relevant programmes and will demonstrate how signing up to health and work has made a positive difference to their organisation. Interest in the conference has been extremely high showing that there is a demand to know more about these important areas of work.

For more information about the NHS North West Health and Work programme and the conference day contact Libby Sedgley, Programme Manager Health and Work, on 0161 625 7393 / 07775 408 538 or libby.sedgley@northwest.nhs.uk

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