

Mental Health News

PROMISE Network Event

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 your organisation is engaged with the work where applicable.

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PROMISE North West is planning its next networking event on 4th December 2009 at the St. Thomas Centre in Ardwick, Manchester. The day is aimed at showing how the recession could be an opportunity for mental health providers. It will consist of a range of workshops covering case studies and discussions. Topics will include Commissioning, the role of Consortia, Brokerage and individualised budgets, GP Commissioning, Contracts and Mental Health Trusts and Public Health approaches to mental health. There will also be opportunities to network and talk about your own work.

In early September **PROMISE** North West extended an invite through *Mental Health News* to become a representative on the Mental Health Improvement Programme (MHIP) Stakeholder and Steering Boards. These positions have now been appointed. On the stakeholder board these are:

Chris Shaw - chief executive of AIW (Advocacy in Wirral) which is a user led organisation delivering 17 projects across the breadth of mental ill-health and services.

Elaine Brogden - centre manager at The Women's Centre, offering low level mental health interventions at centres in Blackburn and Darwen and across East Lancashire. She is also a strategic member of the Lancashire Mental Health Consortium.

On the Steering Board is Chris Graham - Chief Executive of Croftlands Trust and the chair of the Cumbria Mental Health Forum.

All three have experience of contracting and commissioning and bring a passion for the role that the third sector can play in delivering mental health services.

Booking forms for the next event are available from www.promisewnw.org.uk

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