

Mental Health News

North West Mental Health in Later Life

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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On September 30th the newly formed North West Mental Health in Later Life Forum (previously Dementia Forum North West) held its inaugural event in Manchester. John Boyington CBE, Director of the North West Mental Health Improvement Partnership (MHIP), Polly Kaiser, newly appointed National MHLL programme lead and John Amaechi, NBA star, sports and life coach provided the key note presentations to complement the host of lively workshops focussing on local work. A video of the day can be viewed on the 'about us' section of the website. All presentations are available for members to view.

WHAT DO WE AIM TO ACHIEVE?

The objectives of the forum are to promote sharing, uniting, evidence, integration, dissemination, education and networking:

- Share skills, experiences and ideas in order to further the pursuit of improvements in the care of older adults with mental health needs and / or their carers.
- Bring together the disparate range of stakeholders and parties in the care of older adults with mental health needs and / or their carers, and include them in a meaningful way
- Generate an evidence-based body of knowledge that will usefully inform service developments within both statutory and non-statutory sectors
- Pursue commonality of values; interests and purpose to best promote the needs of older adults living with mental health problems across agencies, professions and policy areas
- Support the dissemination and celebration of best practice - through publication, conferencing and showcasing
- Hold regular learning events, networking opportunities and e-based dissemination across all boundaries of care
- Actively pursue links with other organisations and support the development of mental health in later life networks.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

The Mental Health in Later Life Forum always welcomes new members! At present, we offer up to a maximum of 150 places per forum event (dependent on venue capacity) and demand. To receive details of the next event, sign up for our e-newsletter on the homepage of our site www.mhllforum.org

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