

Mental Health News

New Horizons: a shared vision for mental health is launched

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New Horizons is a cross-government programme of action, produced by the Department of Health and including commitments to action by 11 government departments with the twin aims to:

- improve the mental health and well-being of the population
- improve the quality and accessibility of services for people with poor mental health.

New Horizons sets out an intention across a wide range of agencies to move towards a society where people understand that their mental well-being is as important as their physical health if they are to live their lives to the full. It describes some of the factors that affect well-being and some everyday strategies for preserving and boosting it. It also sets out the benefits, including economic benefits, of doing so.

The Minister of State, Department of Health (Phil Hope) has said today of the launch; "I am publishing *New Horizons: a shared vision for mental health*. Mental health care in England has been transformed since the launch in 1999 of the national service framework for mental health. Significant and sustained increases in investment, an expansion of the workforce and a shift from hospital care to treatment in the community mean that our services are now recognised and admired internationally. It is time now to build on those achievements."

For more information about New Horizons:

<http://www.newhorizons.dh.gov.uk/index.aspx>

To download *New Horizons: A shared vision for mental health*:

<http://www.newhorizons.dh.gov.uk/Resources/reports/New-Horizons/index.aspx>

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