

Newsletter, May 2016

We hope this newsletter contains some items of interest – please feel free to ask us about anything in it, and/or to forward it to anyone else who you think might like to receive it.

Mental Health Awareness Week 16th – 22nd May

This is Mental Health Awareness Week, with the theme of relationships. There's lots more information on the [Mental Health Foundation](#) website. There are numerous events taking place across the country including Indian Head Massage in Southampton, fresh Air Fridays in Cardiff, Tea and Talk in Fife, a Bee Heard Information Day in Coleraine and a Listening Event in Blackpool. More details [here](#).

Training in working with people who have a learning disability AND a personality disorder

This appears to be a topic of growing interest, judging by our recent enquiries. If you feel it would benefit your staff, please drop us a line or give us a call.

Dementia Awareness Week 15th – 21st May

This is also Dementia Awareness Week, with the theme of “Remember the Person”. There's lots more information on the [Alheimers Society](#) website. You are being encouraged to confront your concerns about dementia via social media using the hashtag #DAW2016. Events across the country include “Singing for the Brain” in Southampton, a Retro Bus in Northampton and a dementia-friendly film screening in Cardiff. See [here for more details of events](#) throughout the UK.

“Community Care” free webinar on hoarding

This looks interesting. Friday 10th June, 10.30am – 12.00noon. More details, and an enrolment form, can be found [here](#).

The Care Act Statutory Guidance has been updated

The Guidance was updated in March 2016, and the latest online version (dated 9th May 2016) can be found [here](#). Of particular interest are the changes to Chapter 14, which deals with Adult Safeguarding.

Home Office Modern Slavery guidance

Modern Slavery is of course now one of the ten recognised categories of abuse under Safeguarding Adults. And the Modern Slavery Act 2015 became law last year. The Home Office has issued a [leaflet in 11 different languages](#) aimed at helping victims. There is also [updated guidance for frontline staff](#).

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