

FHCP update



The FHCP executive have been working hard over recent months on a number of projects which are now coming to fruition, and which we hope will help you in your work. You will by now have received information about the FHCP conference: 'Walking tightropes – dilemmas for NHS counselling', which will take place on Saturday 13 May 2006 in Chester. This will explore current dilemmas and issues for practitioners and managers, such as integrating cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) and interpersonal therapy (IPT), practice-based commissioning, working with cultural diversity, and service user involvement, to name a few. With a mix of keynote speeches and workshops covering theory and practice, this conference has something to offer

all NHS counselling practitioners and managers. There are also many opportunities for delegate participation – in workshops, in the plenary sessions and at a 'soap box' session where delegates can air their views. The conference will close with a refreshing look at challenging environments and motivation from an acclaimed mountaineer. For more details contact the BACP events team c/o kathy.hobday@bacp.co.uk

By the time this reaches you the new look FHCP website www.fhcp.org.uk will be live online, and any glitches should have been ironed out. The site will continue to develop over the coming months, and will act as a valuable resource to which you can refer in the first instance with any queries. As always, we welcome any feedback.

As you will doubtless be aware, not least from reading the employment

pages in this issue of HCPJ, the NHS Agenda for Change Band 8 counsellor consultant and counsellor professional manager profiles have recently been agreed, and we are currently disseminating this information to all relevant stakeholders. We would be pleased to hear from any of you who have been successful in achieving this band.

We are also currently in negotiation with a range of stakeholders in Scotland in an attempt to deliver affordable training to members. If your employer might be interested in developing a partnership for such training in your area, we would very much like to hear from them. In the meantime, we at the FHCP executive wish you all a good Easter break, and hope to see you in Chester next month!

Shane Buckeridge
FHCP Chair

Forthcoming events

PiF workshop: developments in the book prescription strategy

Organised by the Patient Information Forum, this workshop will look at book prescription schemes in adult mental health and the development of similar strategies for delivering health information to patients and carers throughout the UK. The aim is for those involved to meet up to share and learn from each other's experiences. To be held in Cardiff on 25 April 2006. For information visit www.pifonline.org.uk or contact facilitator@pifonline.co.uk

Third Irish Conference on Psychotraumatology

To be held at the Holiday Inn, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast, on 27-28 April, 2006. Themes include: disaster planning and early intervention, current evidence-based treatments for PTSD, issues relating to children and trauma. Further information and booking via: bdevine@ehssb.n-i.nhs.uk or telephone +44(0)28 9055 3968

All Wales Psychotherapy Network

The fourth national conference of the All Wales Psychotherapy Network, 'Working on the edge/close to the edge', will be held at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff on 15-16 May 2006. For further information and booking email: theplace@ragamuffin.org.uk or telephone 08700 40 2000.

14th Congress of the European Association for Psychotherapy

'Days of shaking: psychotherapy in a time of change' will be held in Cambridge, England, on 13-16 July 2006. The event will be hosted by member organisation, UKCP. Further details: www.europsyche.org

2006 International Congress of Psychotherapy

To be held in conjunction with the 3rd International Conference of the Asian Federation of Psychotherapy on 28 August to 1 September 2006 in Japan. The Congress will be hosted by several Japanese academic organisations for psychotherapy, in collaboration with the WCP and the Asian Federation for Psychotherapy. Email: icptj2006@the-convention.co.jp Website: <http://www.the-convention.co.jp/06icptj/>

Fifth one-day national conference on 'End of life issues'

It might be lawful but is it ethical? It might be ethical but is it lawful? Organised by the Specialist Palliative Care Team, Aintree Hospitals NHS Trust, Liverpool. To be held at Southport Theatre and Floral Hall Complex, Southport, Lancashire, on 2 November 2006. Contact Rose Dacey on 0151 529 2095/ Fax 0151 529 2940 or email rose.dacey@aintree.nhs.uk