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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from the National Council for Palliative Care, we wish you every success over the coming months. 2008 promises to be a busy year for palliative and end of life care, with the Darzi Review and End of Life Care Strategy dominating the news, not to mention the upcoming 60th birthday of the NHS. Our series of conferences across the winter and into the spring are already beginning to fill up, so please book now to avoid disappointment.

Palliative Care & Dementia: Moving Forward in Partnership - 23rd January 2008

There are still a few places remaining at NCPC's national conference exploring how the palliative care needs of people with dementia might best be addressed.

The conference aims to:

Understand more about palliative care in dementia and why it is needed

Learn about NCPC's new dementia project and its aims

Listen to the views of people with dementia (and their carers) about their palliative care needs

Share learning from notable local practice

Consider how this learning is relevant to your own practice

The afternoon session includes a round table discussion which will allow delegates to share their own experiences and learn directly from others.

Download a programme and booking form from www.ncpc.org.uk/events/palldementia.html or contact Mridu Rana for more details: 020 7697 1520 or m.rana@ncpc.org.uk

Area & Country Forum - 29th January 2008

NCPC's next Area & Country Forum takes place on 29th January at the UCU conference centre in London. It is an opportunity for leads from the Cancer and Cardiac Networks to meet with NCPC's Area representatives and discuss the latest local and national issues in palliative care. NCPC is keen for as many networks as possible to attend this free forum, and it's not too late for your local network to send a representative.

Contact Matt Lloyd for more details: 020 7697 1520 or m.lloyd@ncpc.org.uk

South West Area Conference - 26th February 2008

This conference will explore topical issues in palliative and end of life care at a local and national level. The morning session looks at progress with the development of the first comprehensive End of Life Care Strategy, how it links with the Darzi NHS Review and the priorities and issues to address within the South West SHA. The afternoon session focuses on the Mental Capacity Act, the impact that it has on protecting and delivering patient choice and advance care planning, and how important this is to implementing the End of Life Care Strategy.

Download a programme and booking form from www.ncpc.org.uk/events/local_events or contact Phillipa Casbon for more details: 01235 512 384 or p.casbon@ncpc.org.uk

Making it Happen: Using the Mental Capacity Act to improve End of Life Care - 11th March 2008

This national conference is designed to show you how the Mental Capacity Act can help you improve care for individual people by giving you practical examples from a range of perspectives. This conference will bring government strategy, legislation and existing tools together and will explain how they fit together to drive up improvements in care. It will include sessions on the Mental Capacity Act, Advance Care Planning and the forthcoming End of Life Care strategy.

Download a programme and booking form from www.ncpc.org.uk/events/makingithappen or contact Mridu Rana for more details: 020 7697 1520 or m.rana@ncpc.org.uk

Subscriber Forum - 12th March 2008

NCPC's Annual Subscriber Forum takes place on 12th March at Portcullis House, Westminster (please note the change of venue). There will be a review of NCPC's activities over the last 12 months, and a look forward to the next year's plans and priorities. The Subscriber Forum is free to attend for subscribers, but places are limited, and will be allocated on a first-come first served basis. The Forum is followed by a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Hospice & Palliative Care Group in Westminster, which will be addressed by the Health Minister Ivan Lewis MP.

Download a programme and booking form from www.ncpc.org.uk/events/national_events.html or contact Matt Lloyd for more details: 020 7697 1520 or m.lloyd@ncpc.org.uk

Dying with Difficulty: Meeting the Palliative and End of Life Care Needs of People with Multiple Conditions - 31st March 2008

This conference aims to identify some of the issues services face in meeting the palliative and end of life care needs of people with multiple conditions and to explore the issue from both the carer's and patient's perspective. It will provide examples of good practice so that services can learn from each other.

Download a programme and booking form from www.ncpc.org.uk/events/comorbidity or contact Mridu Rana for more details: 020 7697 1520 or m.rana@ncpc.org.uk

Environments for Care at End of Life

On 29th November 2007 Ivan Lewis, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health, announced that £1,000,000 was to be made available to extend the King's Fund's Enhancing the Healing Environment (EHE) programme to a further 20 NHS organisations in England with the aim of physically improving the environment for those that are dying and their relatives. Further details about the programme can be found at www.kingsfund.org.uk

Applications are now being invited by the Department of Health from NHS Trusts to join this new programme. Applications for the 20 available places may be made by all NHS organisations in England that provide end of life care to adults. Further details can be found at: www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Endoflifecare/dh_081647

The closing date for applications is 22nd February 2008.

Age Concern Conference - 26th February 2008

Age Concern's Age Agenda Conference is an important annual public policy event that provides a clear and comprehensive overview of the policies affecting older people today. The conference takes place in London on Tuesday 26th February 2008. For the full programme and booking details go to www.ageconcern.org.uk/ageagendaconference

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