



## THE DENBIGHSHIRE SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (SCWDP)

**Newsletter February 2010**

Welcome to the first Social Care Workforce Development Partnership newsletter. The aim of the first short newsletter is to highlight news and give you the opportunity to add some information into the next edition!

### **Contents:-**

- Membership of the Partnership
- News
- The Training Calendar
- The Social Care Passport
- How to get involved in the Partnership
- Further newsletters

### **Membership of the Partnership**

The Partnership is open to organisations working in Denbighshire who provide social care and health care from the voluntary, independent and statutory sectors in Denbighshire, along with service users and carers, education and training providers.





## NEWS.....

### **Partnership Website**

Work is ongoing to improve the Partnership information on the Denbighshire County Council website, making this more accessible. This will also provide direct links to the Social Care in Partnership website. News, useful information and areas of good practice will be included. We will keep you updated of progress. If you have any contributions please send them through.

### **SCIE TV**

This is a new broadband channel featuring films and links to resources on the big issues in adults' and children's care services. Designed as a learning and development tool, you can view, download or e-mail films, and check out the key resources related to the subject. All for free...

### **Cadetship Programme**

The Cadetship Scheme is offered to all Partners to give staff the opportunity to meet the National training target by achieving the recommended NVQ Health and Social Care qualification. Staff replacement costs are paid to the employer. The scheme has been a success and is about to run again for the third year.

### **Annual Workforce Survey**

The survey was distributed to all providers in December. The information returned will be analysed and incorporated into the Whole Sector Training Plan that is submitted to the Welsh Assembly in March.

The Training Needs Analysis within the survey will help identify training required in the sector throughout 2010. If you require any help in completing the form, please contact the First Contact Team – details at the end of the newsletter.

### **Award Ceremony**

This year's Ceremony took place on 20th January in Scala, Prestatyn. This was an excellent way of recognising the hard work of staff who have achieved qualifications over the last twelve months.



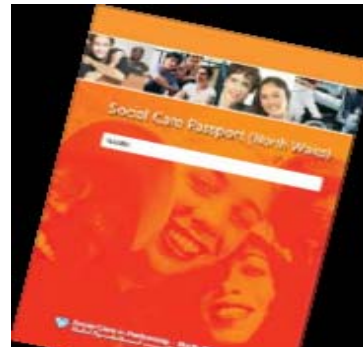


### **The Training Calendar**

The calendar is available on the Denbighshire County Council website along with details of how to book onto courses. Follow the link through: Council Services - Social Services - Business Support and Development (Social Services) - Workforce Development Team. When the SCWDP webpage is up and running, it will have a direct link to the Training Calendar. The training courses listed are available to the independent, voluntary and statutory sectors where shown as the target group against the Course Title.

### **The Social Care Passport**

This booklet has been designed to provide guidance on core training for the workforce in the social care sector. A copy was sent out with the Annual Workforce Survey to all providers. If you would like more copies, please contact Clare Hughes, the Social Care in Partnership Co-ordinator on 01745 818950.



### **How to get involved in the Partnership**

We require more members to ensure representative views from the whole sector are raised and discussed in the Partnership meetings.

If you are interested in being part of the Partnership, please contact the First Contact Team on 01824 706000 and ask to speak to the Social Care Workforce Development Partnership Co-ordinator.

#### **Further newsletters**

These will be produced on a quarterly basis. If you have any ideas of items to be included, or want to promote areas of good practice contact the SCWDP Co-ordinator

