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E-BULLETIN

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The monthly e-bulletin from the European Association for the Treatment of Addiction (eATA) to keep our members up to date on the latest developments and news in the drug and alcohol treatment and aftercare sector. If you have any comments or questions about our articles, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Coming up in this month's e-bulletin...

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Chief Executives Update

It has been another busy month for the team, with an office move, a rebrand and events. At the beginning of April we launched eATA's new look and had some positive response when we exhibited at Drugs and Alcohol Today on the 13th April.

In April I visited a number of members including The Nelson Trust, Inishfree, Providence Projects, The Bayberry Clinic and Yeldall Manor. I was made very welcome at all of these projects and each had its own unique qualities, and different approach to treatment. One thing has become clear to me visiting our members and talking to clients is that no one provider is the same and that it is important for service users to have this wide range of options when entering treatment.

So tomorrow is Election Day and by the morning of Friday we should know what the political landscape will be for the immediate future. We can only contemplate on what the result may be, a hung parliament, or a minority administration. Whatever the result however, it will signal a change in how drug treatment goes forward. Drug treatment featured in all three of the main party manifestos, among which Labour pledge to 'switch investment towards programmes which are shown to sustain drug-free lives and reduce crime', the Conservatives pledge to link Drug

Rehabilitation Orders to abstinence-based treatment, and the Liberal Democrats pledge to move drug users out of prison into secure accommodation where appropriate.

eATA will be sending out a more detailed election analysis specific to your area from next week so look out for this.

Relocation Relocation - We have moved Office!

We have recently moved to

1 Regent Terrace, Rita Road, London SW8 1AW

Telephone: 020 7820 8130

Please ensure you update your contact details with this new info as we will be in new office from 30th April. Please note there will be some disruption during the move which we aim to keep to a minimum.

ISA Registration is looming

Many of our members have expressed concern over the introduction of the Independent Safeguarding Authority Scheme. Some members have questioned whether they are able to employ new staff who are not ISA Registered. Please see this time line of registration info.

- The ISA registration scheme goes live on July 26th - This is when individual registration starts – so get this date into your diaries and plan ahead
- By November it will be mandatory to have ISA registration for new starters and when moving jobs. From this point employers will not be able to employ people whilst they are waiting for confirmation of their registration, even if they are being supervised. However new starters can be employed but not engaged in regulated activity i.e. to begin training but it will be illegal to use staff in regulated activity until they are ISA registered.
- From April 2011 it will be mandatory for the rest of the workforce to be registered.

For further information about the scheme please see the link below where you can download the presentations from the recent VBS Roadshow. The FAQ download, within their website is useful and contains info on background and basics, coverage, relationship between ISA and CRB, the application process, requirements for employers, referrals and appeals and timescales and phasing.

www.isa.gov.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=422

Members Questions

Last month we launched the member's questions area on the e-bulletin. The answer to last month's question on GHB has been postponed until next month as we are waiting on some documentation.

This month we have had a new question from one of our Associate Members who would like to find out from fellow members

If they need a volunteer to work with Polish speaking clients in the London area?

Please forward this on to anyone if they know of any suitable opportunities and please contact louisew@eata.org.uk

CQC Important Information

We have had a letter to remind us to inform members of the upcoming registration requirements. The requirement to apply for registration under the Health and Social Care Act 2008 came into force on 1 April 2009 and has changed how health and social care services in England and Wales are regulated. From the 1st Oct all providers that carry out regulated care must be registered with the CQC. They request that all providers should submit their application by 1st August in order to be registered by 1st October.

The CQC 'how to' booklet can be viewed at www.cqc.org.uk/newinscope

UKESAD

The 7th UK Symposium on Addictive Disorders is scheduled for the 13-15 May, at Grange City Hotel, 8-14 Coopers Row, London EC3N 2BQ and is entitled *Building Bridges How to Recover from Addiction*. There will be a number of presentations, InExcess TV and the Recovery Walk.

Please contact info@ukesad.org or 020 7233 5333 for booking details including the prices or see www.ukesad.org

eATA will be there on **Stand 41** so do come along and meet the team.

Consultation SMART peer support

SMART have invited drug treatment providers to assist in developing a range of peer support networks for people with drug and alcohol dependencies, who would benefit from an alternative peer support to the traditional AA / NA models. SMART have released a consultation document detailing their plans and requirements for partnership working to ensure a productive future for such a support service. They ask you to read the consultation document and then submit a questionnaire. The consultation takes place between 25th April to 11th June so have a look and take up your chance to input into this project with SMART UK. In addition they are seeking new trustees to come on board.

SMART's approach uses motivational, behavioural and cognitive methods as opposed to other traditional types of groups. All those interested please see the link to the website below and get involved!

www.smartrecovery.org.uk/

Additionally Alcohol concern has published *Developing choice in peer support* which is a manual based on a SMART based recovery project and includes a description of how the

project developed, along with discussion on what worked well in the project and what worked less well. All those interested can see the publication below.

www.drugslibrary.stir.ac.uk/documents/smartguide.pdf

And finally...

eATA has launched a new service for our full and international members. Fully up to date members will start receiving the quarterly journal **Drugs and Alcohol Today** from June. So please ensure you renew your membership today to make the most of this great new benefit!