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PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Consultation on the Review Proposal from
6th April 2011 to 20th April 2011

Comments on the Proposal to be submitted
no later than 5pm on Wednesday 20th April 2011

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3	Health Trainer Services are being delivered (and commissioned) by an increasingly varied range of providers, so we would agree that the guidance needs to be updated to address the variety of models now operating. This needs to reflect the range of bodies commissioning, as well as providing, Health Trainer Services.
3	With decisions about the commissioning and delivery of Health Trainer Services increasingly being made at a local level, we agree that the pre-requisites need to be written in a way that reflects this.
3	Our experience is that Health Trainer Services work best where a 'whole system' approach has been taken in which all elements are considered in deciding how to approach community engagement, so we would agree that any update of the guidance needs to consider this issue.
3	Health trainers first became operational just over 5 years ago and we have now accumulated a wide range of evidence about their effectiveness which could inform a review of the guidance.
3	There is still relatively little published material about health trainers, although this is growing. We would therefore agree that the review would need to take account of primary studies and grey literature.

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4	We have found that many practitioners, whilst agreeing with the principles of community engagement, struggle to implement it and would welcome the production of more 'how to' guides. Health trainers nationally have produced a Community Engagement Resource Pack for Health Trainer Services which we would be happy to share.
4	Health trainers are working in a wide variety of settings, including the health service and we agree the guidance needs to reflect this.
5	Health trainers support people to address a range of issues including weight management and healthy eating, physical activity and mental health and well being. We would therefore welcome the suggestion that the community engagement guidance is cross referenced to topic specific guidance.
7	We welcome the phased approach proposed. Health Trainer Services are currently being reconfigured which often entails changes in both commissioners and providers, so an initial partial update which can happen relatively quickly ahead of the full update, would be timely.
8	The development of a quality standard would, in our view, increase opportunities for the guidance to be implemented and given the new policy context this is very much needed.
General	Community engagement is integral to the health trainer approach and we have many examples of where this is being successfully implemented particularly to reach marginalised groups. We would welcome the opportunity to share this evidence with NICE.

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