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On a Mission

Briefing of the Commissioning Policy Development Project Steering Group Issue 6 June 2010

Consultation continues..... Public Sector Code of Practice for Commissioning Third Sector Services in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff

The Code of Practice is available for consultation until 31st July 2010.

You can access a Summary Document and a Full Document alongside a Consultation Questionnaire on:

www.vamt.net

www.interlinkrct.org.uk

www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/865/

Cwm Taf Health Board or Council Intranets

Hard copies of both Documents can be issued on request.

The easiest way to respond to the consultation is to access the on-line questionnaire and submitting your responses on www.vamt.net

Alternatively, you can e-mail, fax or post completed questionnaires to Margaret McLaughlin, Project Officer, on -

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- Or you can telephone your comments to
Tel: 01685353920

Last chance to book your place! Cracking the Code Monday 28th June 2010 9am-1pm

Abercwmboi Rugby Club, Aberaman,
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This is an opportunity to have your say on the Code of Practice and to contribute to discussion on improving commissioning processes in the area. Everyone from public and third sector organisations who is interested in commissioning and procurement should attend.

The event is **free** and lunch will be provided

Bookings will be accepted until **Tuesday 22nd June**. So, if you have not already booked your place, please do so as soon as possible to Laura Johnson of VAMT on laura.johnson@vamt.net

Speakers at Cracking the Code

- Samia Saeed, Assistant Director Partnerships, Cwm Taf Local Health Board
- Steve Vaughan, Head of Partnerships in the Office of the Directorate of Social Services for Wales
- Sue Lloyd Selby, Lead for the Procurement Route Planner for social care, Value Wales
- Keith Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council
- Alistair Neill, Chief Executive Officer, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

Other Project Outputs

The Project Steering Group also discussed the progress of the other Project outputs at its June meeting. They are:

- **Web based Commissioning Toolkit**

It will be a resource for public and third sector organisations and will support the implementation of the Code of Practice. What would you like to see included in it?

- **Training Programme**

A training programme to support the implementation of the Code of Practice will be arranged for 2010-2011. What do you think the priorities should be? You might be interested in Results Based Accountability, service design, costing services, developing service specifications, contract monitoring or one of the many other topics listed in the Project's Training Needs Analysis (TNA). Please complete a TNA, which will be available from 28th June in order to ensure that the training you are interested in is included in the training programme.

- **Joint Public Services Policy**

The Project Steering Group will continue to promote the Code of Practice as a component of a joint public services policy. The extent to which joint actions and processes will stem from the Code of Practice has still to be determined. This will in part be influenced by the results of the consultation process currently taking place and in part on the deliberations of the Local Service Boards.

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Find out more

Commissioning is a broad topic that encompasses a range of specialist areas. Here are some useful website links on new models of service planning:

- **Community-led commissioning**

www.turning-point.co.uk

Connected Care is a toolkit for community led commissioning of integrated bespoke services. It focuses on the individual's experience of services, integrates health, housing and social care services and gives communities the opportunities to run services.

- **Commission on 2020 Public Services**

www.2020publicservicestrust.org

A report that proposes the basis of a new model for public services based on a shift in culture (from social security to social productivity), shift in power (from the centre to citizen) and shift in finance (reconnecting finance with the purposes of public services).

To find out more about the Commissioning Policy Development Project, contact:

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To access further information about the project including previous editions of **On a Mission**, the **Good Practice Review** and **Value Added Facts Questionnaire**, see www.vamt.net and www.interlinkrct.org.uk