**PSW Update September 2022**

* With the departure of Bev Compton as DASS at the end of July we welcome Simon Galczynski as the interim DASS in North East Lincolnshire (NEL). Simon is a social worker with extensive experience in adult services and he looks forward to meeting you at the Social Work Forum.
* The Humber Social Work Teaching Partnership was successful with its bid to extend funding and various workstreams are in situ including Recruitment and Workforce, Continuous Professional Development, Cultural Competence and Quality Assurance. More information about this work can be obtained from Angie Button, Lead SW at NAViGO, Becky Jackson, Lead SW at CPG, Katherine Eddington, ACP Education at Focus or me.
* The refresh of the ASYE process and paperwork by Skills for Care was launched on 1st September 2022 and all NQSWs registering after this date will follow the new process. In readiness for this a review of the ASYE scheme in NEL has been undertaken and an overarching policy written, which should receive approval in September. The review also identified the need to strengthen support provided to assessors and new initiatives to undertake this are being launched in September.
* The portal is now open to renew your social work registration and this is a reminder that two pieces of CPD must be completed by the end of November, one involving a peer review. SWE has a wealth of information on their website or alternatively log onto a CPD update event by regional engagement officer Catherine Witt which take place on a monthly basis. Please contact either your lead SW or me for dates and times.
* I am once again appealing for a social worker from the voluntary sector to be involved with the working group which organises the SW forum. The work is not onerous and I urge colleagues to please think about putting your name forward as your input would be invaluable. I am more than happy to have a chat about the work involved, on my return from leave, so please contact me, [christine.jackson7@nhs.net](mailto:christine.jackson7@nhs.net)
* BASW are holding a strategic scoping discussion regarding the PCF in light of the readiness for practice statements and other work being undertaken by Social Work England (SWE). This is to take place on 8th September and BASW have invited eight PSWs from across adults and children’s services to join them.
* With the demise of the CCG on 1st July, the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) came into being, overseen by the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The ICS has six health and care partnerships within in it and NEL is one of these. In NEL a place director has been appointed and this is Helen Kenyon formerly of the CCG. The Government is keen to integrate health and social care, please click on the link below for the white paper setting this out. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-social-care-integration-joining-up-care-for-people-places-and-populations>
* Work is underway across NEL in regard of the adult social care reforms, as discussed at the June SW forum, and it is hoped that a new Assistant Director will soon join the Care and Independence Team to lead on the CQC assessment/inspection readiness work. As an aide memoir about the reforms the white paper can be accessed below. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/people-at-the-heart-of-care-adult-social-care-reform-white-paper>
* Some dates for your diary:
  + 13th December 2022 the SW forum at which Catherine Witt from SWE will be in attendance. There will also be a marketplace for the voluntary sector, light refreshments and fun and games for Christmas so please try to attend.
  + After her resounding success when she joined us earlier this year, Siobhan Maclean has been booked for the SW forum on World Social Work Day, 21st March 2023.
  + Also look out for the lunch and learn sessions on MCA philosophy being organised by Emma Overton later this year.

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