

PtP Action Learning Set

Supporting Health Theme Members of LSPs – Action Learning Set

As part of Progress through Partnership's learning programme we are setting up an Action Learning Set for PCT, Health Trust and LA Members of LSPs who are working on the health partnership agenda.

The recent restructuring of health agencies and PCTs offers new opportunities for partnership working and defining and delivering a shared agenda on health. A number of health outcomes can only be effectively delivered in partnership and LSPs are a key forum for this work. However in many areas further work is needed to build a shared ownership and buy-in to health priorities by all partners and to strengthen the impact LSP partnership work makes on health issues.

The aim of this learning set is to provide a forum for PCT, Health Trust and LA Members of LSPs to explore the issues of effective partnership working. The agendas of the meetings will be determined by those attending, but we anticipate that key issues will include:

- What can be done to improve collaboration and real sign up to deliver health priorities?
- What will the impact of the new LAA framework be on the profile of health issues within LSPs?
- Addressing wider health inequalities issues that can only be effectively dealt with through collaboration with partners outside the NHS
- Shifting from reactive to preventative work.
- How to effectively engage the public in the partnership agenda.
- How to effectively engage key stakeholders in the health partnership agenda, who have been traditionally hard to engage with such as GP's, PCT commissioners and elected members.

What is Action Learning?

Action learning involves participants working on real problems, focusing on learning and implementing practical solutions. It is a form of learning by doing,

through using the knowledge and experience of a small group of people. It provides an opportunity for individuals to receive targeted support on particular difficulties they are facing, whilst using their knowledge to support others.

A facilitator will guide participants, encouraging the set to focus on learning as well as on action. All facilitators are experienced in working with LSPs, action learning and have the relevant policy knowledge. The attached document, ***What is Action Learning?*** provides more details about this approach.

Process

Set members should ideally be closely involved in an LSP and able to make and act on decisions. The action learning programme would consist of six action learning sets run every six weeks, the action learning programme would last nine months. The programme would start in November 2007 and end in June 2008. The action learning sets would comprise of half day sessions held in the morning or afternoon. Action learning sets would consist of between 6-8 people. Where possible, set participants should try to commit to attending all the meetings to get the maximum benefit and maintain the consistency of the sets.

For action learning to be effective, the number of participants within each set must also be manageable. This is why we are limiting each LSP to a single representative at the sets. In the event of high attendance we will consider running two parallel sets. However, attendance will be managed on a first-come-first-served basis.

Meetings will take place in London or at another location mutually convenient to participants. Dates for meetings will be confirmed shortly

If you are interested in attending or would like to find out more, please contact Katy Donnelly at katy.donnelly@sharedintelligence.net or ganesh.sathyamoorthy@sharedIntelligence.net