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Welcome

Welcome to the first NECLES HIEC newsletter. We are keen to share what we are learning but to also invite to you become involved in improving the population's health through the diffusion of great ideas.



Empowering People with COPD: Health Foundation: Shine Grant

Together with NHS Redbridge and UCL Partners the HIEC COPD team has been awarded the prestigious Shine award. Ten GP practices in Redbridge have volunteered to work with the project team to develop individualised information for people with COPD focused on the quality and cost of their health care. This information will be supported with self management and local resources to empower People with COPD to take charge of their own pathway of care. We are seeking to see an improvement in adherence to treatment, better satisfaction rates for GPs and improved patient experience.

Contact: Kirsty Barnes, COPD HIEC fellow to know more
kirstybarnes@hiec.org.uk

Migrant Health: A new pathway gets started

The NECLES HIEC area contains the highest concentration of migrants from developing countries in the UK. Within this population there is a known increased burden of infection related to the higher prevalence of infections in the originating country and the infection in many cases acquired before arrival in the UK. The rise of TB, HIV, hepatitis B and C in migrant communities is already recognised as a serious problem. Early identification and treatment of infections for these populations will help reduce the inequality in health experienced, and will also reduce the transmission of infections to others.

The first step in this program of work is to scope and map the current health services against the best available demographic information of migrant populations leading to the identification of any health and social service gaps. The team is also supporting the creation of a network of health professionals to deliver care for these vulnerable populations.

Get in touch and get involved

More information is available at
<http://www.necles.org.uk/gettinginvolved/migrantinfec/index.html>



If you are interested in this project please contact: Arvind Bhardwaj,
HIEC Fellow Migrant Health a.bhardwaj@hiec.org.uk



Optimising Normal Birth: Community of Practice success

In the last 15 years the Caesarean section birth rate has doubled nationally to 24.6% (DOH, 2006). This is considered to be too high by many. Over the past 7 months the NECLES HIEC team, together with the NHS Institute of Innovation and Improvement have been working to support Maternity Teams in the region to promote normal birth.

A community of practice was developed to support 12 maternity teams to implement the changes required. Through collaborative working members of the Community of Practice are able to share information, build knowledge, develop enterprise, and solve problems. The purpose of our Community of Practice is to provide resources that enable like minded people to form working partnerships face-to-face or in the virtual world and to encourage the development and sharing of new ideas and strategies.

In addition to this six maternity units were provided with direct support from the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement. These sites were then asked to “buddy” with others to share their workshops and to develop a local community of support.

This program has started to see changes in the collaboration between teams, openness to share information, success and difficulties. A full report will be available in June 2011. For more information please contact Lizzie Hamilton, HIEC Maternity Fellow lizziehamilton@hihc.org.uk

Events

Migrant Health

Free half-day seminar on Migrant Health

When: 12 May 2011

from 1.30pm to 5pm

Where: A. E. Clark-Kennedy lecture theatre in the QM Innovation Centre,
6 Walden Street, London, E1 2AN

Contact: Please register interest with:
Brenda.Scotland@thpct.nhs

CLRN Essex and Herts and the NECLES HIEC

Reproductive Health Research Group

When: Wednesday 11th May 2011

from 13.00 to 16.00.

Contact: Louise Jenkins, Maternity HIEC Facilitator Louise.
Jenkins@anglia.ac.uk

Maternity Community of Practice

Networking day

When: 22nd June 2011

Contact: Louise Jenkins, Maternity HIEC Facilitator,
Louise.Jenkins@anglia.ac.uk

New pathways

We are pleased to announce the start of our three new pathways for 2011-12;

Asthma Children and Young People:

The team: Dr Caro Minasian and Catherine Clapton

Migrant Health:

The Team: Dr Mike Brown and Arvind Bhardwaj

Glaucoma

The Team: Professor Rupert Bourne and Dr Gok Ratnarajan

These teams will be looking for enthusiasts so please express your interest in being involved by emailing Robyn Hudson, Managing Director, robynhudson@hihc.org.uk

There is more information available about these programs and are current cohort at www.necles.org.uk