



Neurosciences Network Update 16th March 2009

- The Network was **successful in receiving funding** from the workforce innovations fund. Most of this money will be spent on setting up a mentoring programme in the Region. 10 specialists will be released from their roles for 2 days a week and will each have 2 mentees who they will work with, passing on their skills and knowledge. A Workforce Innovations Bid Steering Group has been set up to work on this project.
- There has been a very positive response rate to the **Network Launch Event** which is taking place on **Thursday 26th March in Chester-le-Street**. The morning session will contain presentations on 'Levers for Change', Personalisation and Community and Vocational Support. The afternoon workshop session will aim to engage professionals and service users / members of the public in the work of the Network.
- Developments have started on the **5 year plan** for the Network. Work on this will continue at the Network Leadership Development day which is taking place in April.
- The Network website (www.na-na.org.uk/neurosciencesnetwork) is up and running and is being used by people wanting to find more information about the Network. The SharePoint site for professionals (extranet.nhsnortheast.co.uk/North_East_Neurosciences_Network) now has a large number of registered users and is being used to hold discussions between professionals.
- Details of next Network meeting:
Thursday 18th June 2009
09:30 – 12:30 Network Meeting
12:30 – 13:30 Knowledge Session: Motor Neurone Disease
Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust
Pemberton House
Sunderland Enterprise Park
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