



# Health E-News Bulletin

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*Health Improvement - Keeping you informed*

Welcome to the monthly issue of the Health E-News Bulletin. We aim to keep you updated with national, regional and local news, events and other relevant information which relates to the six key areas of the Department of Health's White Paper "Choosing Health: Making Healthier Choices Easier".

## **ALCOHOL**

### **New NHS campaign reveals unseen alcohol damage**

A new campaign backed by major health charities will warn drinkers of the unseen health damage caused by regularly drinking more than the NHS advises. The £6 million Government funded campaign shows the damage that is being done to drinkers' organs while they are drinking in a pub or at home. This is being launched by Public Health Minister, Gillian Merron today (28/01/2010) and is part of the cross-Government strategy to tackle the harms that alcohol causes.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=410667&SubjectId=2>

**Link to campaign website:** [http://www.drinking.nhs.uk/?WT.mc\\_id=11006](http://www.drinking.nhs.uk/?WT.mc_id=11006)

### **TV product placement - government bans alcoholic drinks**

The government announces its plans for product placement on television.

The government has announced today (9.02.10) that it plans to allow product placement in television programmes - but the proposed legislation will specifically prohibit the placement of a number of products and services - including alcoholic drinks

<http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/news-centre/news/tv-product-placement>

### **New licensing powers for local authorities**

Local authorities are to get the power to impose blanket bans on the sale of alcohol after 3am in entire streets or city centres affected by alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and disorder.

<http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/news-centre/news/new-licensing-powers-for-local-authorities>

### **Alcohol-related death rates increase**

Although recent figures for alcohol-related deaths suggested that the trend was levelling out, alcohol-related deaths in men increased further in 2008 according to new statistics from the ONS.

<http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/news-centre/news/alcohol-related-deaths>

### **Alcohol Deaths UK rates increase in 2008:**

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=1091>

## Smoking, drinking and drug-use among young people

See Section: TOBACCO

## CANCER

### Genetic 'hotspots' flag up opportunities for more personal bowel cancer treatment

Cancer Research UK scientists have identified the frequency of new genetic 'hotspots' which could help doctors to tailor therapies to as many as 3,000 additional bowel cancer patients each year, according to research published in the British Journal of Cancer today (10.02.10).

<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/news/archive/pressrelease/2010-10-02-bowel-cancer-genetic-hotspots>

**Abstract:** <http://www.nature.com/bjc/journal/vaop/ncurrent/abs/6605534a.html>

**See also:** Study links higher levels of Vitamin D to lower bowel cancer risk

[http://www.wcrf-uk.org/audience/media/press\\_release.php?recid=94](http://www.wcrf-uk.org/audience/media/press_release.php?recid=94)

### Study raises cancer drug fear over antidepressant

A popular antidepressant could interfere with a breast cancer drug and lead to a greater chance of dying from the disease, researchers said today (09.02.10).

Women taking the antidepressant paroxetine (brand name Seroxat) alongside tamoxifen for breast cancer were more likely to die from the disease than women on other antidepressants, a study found.

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId17=76890>

**See also:** Antidepressant may block effects of tamoxifen, study finds

<http://www.breastcancercare.org.uk/media-centre/all-our-latest-news/newsblog/antidepressants-may-block-effects-of-tamoxifen>

### Charity calls for oral cancer screening test

See Section: DENTAL HEALTH

## CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE

### Under-fives need a healthier start in life

Government policies and programmes have not significantly improved the health of the under-fives in the past decade, according to a new study by the Audit Commission. Giving children a healthy start, published today (3 February), says more than £10 billion has been spent, directly or indirectly, on improving the health of under-fives in England since 1998. But results are disappointing considering the level of investment.

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/Pages/20100203underfivesneedahealthierstartinlife.aspx>

**Link to Study:** <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nationalstudies/health/financialmanagement/Pages/GivingChildrenaHealthyStart.aspx>

### Thousands more to benefit from free school meals

More primary school children across the country will benefit from a free healthy school lunch as Ed Balls invited all local authorities to bid for cash to fund more universal free school meal pilots. Free school meal pilots are already running in three local authorities – Durham and Newham and Wolverhampton. Durham and Newham are trialling universal free school meals for all primary age children and Wolverhampton are trialling extended eligibility. Although the pilots only started in September 2009 there has already been some very positive feedback. Adding new pilots from September 2010 will help even more families across the country and allow the government to collect more evidence on the health and educational benefits of free school meals.

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2010\\_0032](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2010_0032)

### **Teen relationship violence campaign launches next week - 11 February 2010**

A campaign begins next week to show 13 to 18-year-olds that they don't have to put up with violence in relationships. NSPCC research suggests that violence is both highly prevalent and tolerated in teen relationships. This Home Office-led campaign aims to stop these attitudes becoming entrenched for life. It launches on 15 February with adverts on youth TV channels and online, press and editorial in girls' magazines, and radio partnerships and posters in public places that young people visit.

**Find out more and download promotional resources at:**

[www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk)

**Teens can get more info at:** <http://www.direct.gov.uk/thisisabuse>

**Parents can get more info at:** [www.direct.gov.uk/spotteenabuse](http://www.direct.gov.uk/spotteenabuse)

### **School Food Trust survey shows that more children are eating their greens at school**

Almost three quarters of primary school children in England are now taking vegetables or salad as part of their average school lunch – following the introduction of mandatory standards for school food.

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/news/index.cfm?event=news.item&id=school\\_food\\_trust\\_survey\\_shows\\_that\\_more\\_children\\_are\\_eating\\_their\\_greens\\_at\\_school](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/news/index.cfm?event=news.item&id=school_food_trust_survey_shows_that_more_children_are_eating_their_greens_at_school)

### **New research revealed at Nacro youth crime conference**

Being excluded from school is one of the most significant triggers for young people turning to crime, according to a leading criminologist. Speaking at Nacro's annual conference, Professor Lesley McAra from the University of Edinburgh revealed new evidence from her ten-year study, due to be published early next year. McAra and her team have been following 4,300 young people from the city to find out what factors make it more likely that they will get involved in crime.

<http://www.nacro.org.uk/news-and-resources/latest-news/new-research-revealed-at-nacro-youth-crime-conference,45,NAP.html>

### **Walk to school scheme receives funding to get local kids on their feet**

**See Section: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

### **Ed Balls launches 21st century sex and relationship education**

### **Primary schoolgirls getting pregnant aged 10**

### **PCT to set up sexual health clinics in secondary schools**

**See Section: SEXUAL HEALTH/HIV/AIDS**

### **Children's Minister launches national directory of over 150,000 childcare providers and family services**

### **Small steps towards a healthier life**

**See Section: NEW RESOURCES**

## **DENTAL HEALTH**

### **Charity calls for oral cancer screening test**

The UK's leading mouth cancer campaigners have called for the introduction of a new HPV test in Britain which would help diagnose mouth cancer at an early stage. The British Dental Health Foundation, organisers of Mouth Cancer Action Month, have welcomed the screening procedure which detects a virus strongly linked to oral and throat cancer. In the lead up to World Cancer Day on February 4, the Foundation believes the introduction of the test, which is already widely available in America, would dramatically cut the current number of mouth cancer deaths. The examination itself is for the oral human papilloma virus (HPV), which is sexually transmitted, and can be tested for right in the dentist's chair.

<http://www.dentalhealth.org.uk/pressreleases/releasedetail.php?id=390&offset=0&limit=10&type=&keyword=>

### **Dental health gap widens between rich and poor**

The UK's leading oral health charity has urged the Government to focus on the prevention of dental decay in under 5's following a new report into children's health. The British Dental Health Foundation called for more awareness in spearhead areas after a report published by the Audit Commission highlighted the increasing gap in health care between children living in deprived communities compared to the rest of the population.

<http://www.dentalhealth.org.uk/pressreleases/releasedetail.php?id=397&offset=0&limit=10&type=&keyword=>

### **Dental Board Taking Forward Steele Review Recommendations**

A new group has been set up to oversee the implementation of the Steele Review recommendations to improve dental services for patients. Professor Jimmy Steele, who led the Independent Review of NHS Dental Services, has joined the implementation board that will ensure the delivery of the Review's recommendations. Chief Dental Officer Barry Cockcroft and John Milne, Chair of the General Dental Practice Committee are also members of the board.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH\\_112448](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH_112448)

## **DRUGS**

### **Anthrax alert for heroin users in London**

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) and NHS London can confirm that a drug injecting heroin user has tested positive for anthrax and is being treated in a London hospital. This is the first case of anthrax seen in an injecting drug user in England since similar cases were first seen in Scotland in December 2009. Nineteen cases have so far been confirmed in Scotland.

Similarities to the cases in Scotland suggest that the heroin, or a contaminated cutting agent mixed with the heroin, is the likely source of infection.

[http://www.hpa.org.uk/webw/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb\\_C/1265296975679?p=1259152466069](http://www.hpa.org.uk/webw/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb_C/1265296975679?p=1259152466069)

### **Anthrax update**

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) and NHS Blackpool have confirmed yesterday that the death of an injecting heroin user in Blackpool was the result of anthrax. This is the second case of anthrax seen in an injecting drug user in England, the first announced in London on 5 February. Since December 2009, there have been twenty one anthrax cases, including nine deaths, among both heroin injectors and smokers in Scotland. Similarities to the cases in Scotland and another death in Germany suggest that the heroin, or a contaminated cutting agent mixed with the heroin, is the likely source of anthrax infection among English IDUs.

### **Advice for injecting drug users about anthrax:**

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/HPA/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/1191942145749/>

### **Smoking, drinking and drug-use among young people**

See Section: TOBACCO

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

### **Marmot Review's rich evidence must be acted upon to change the lives of generations**

Mental Health Foundation response to the Marmot Review

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/media/news-releases/news-releases-2010/11-february-2010/>

See Section: SOCIAL INCLUSION/HEALTH INEQUALITIES

### **Study raises cancer drug fear over antidepressant**

See Section: CANCER

## **NUTRITION/OBESITY**

### **Statistics on obesity, physical activity and diet: England 2010**

This statistical report presents a range of information on obesity, physical activity and diet, drawn together from a variety of sources. The topics covered include:

- Overweight and obesity prevalence among adults and children;
- Physical activity levels among adults and children;
- Trends in purchases and consumption of food and drink and energy intake; and
- Health outcomes of being overweight or obese.

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/opad10/Statistics\\_on\\_Obesity\\_Physical\\_Activity\\_and\\_Diet\\_England\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/opad10/Statistics_on_Obesity_Physical_Activity_and_Diet_England_2010.pdf)

### **An insight into the nation's diet**

The findings of a UK dietary survey, published by the Food Standards Agency, suggest that the nation is eating less saturated fat, trans fat and added sugar than it was 10 years ago. The National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS) is the first comprehensive survey of people's eating patterns since 2001, when the survey was last carried out.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2010/feb/ndnsyr1>

### **Thousands more to benefit from free school meals**

#### **School Food Trust survey shows that more children are eating their greens at school**

**See Section: CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE**

## **OLDER PEOPLE**

### **Overnight hospital stays for older people can be reduced by almost 50 percent**

Research from the University of Kent has revealed that a new Department of Health - funded scheme for older people could almost halve overnight stays in hospital and cut accident and emergency attendances by nearly a third.

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/news/stories/overnighthospitalstaysforolderpeoplecanbereducedbyalmost50percent/2010>

**Report Summary:** <http://www.pssru.ac.uk/pdf/rs053.pdf>

### **National Evaluation of Partnerships for Older People Projects: final report -**

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_111240](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_111240)

### **Shingles vaccine for those in their seventies moves a step closer**

Up to four million could benefit from protection. People aged between 70 and 79 could be offered protection against shingles for the first time as a vaccination programme moved a step closer the Public Health Minister Gillian Merron said today (31/01/2010). The move follows a recommendation made by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) that the vaccine should be offered to this age group if it can be bought at a price which makes the programme cost-effective.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=410680&SubjectId=15&DepartmentMode=true>

### **Home cash plan to help income-poor older people stay in their own homes**

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has helped launch a new pilot scheme to enable asset rich but cash poor older people pay for additional support at home, which could help to make their lives easier and allow them to stay in their own homes for longer, rather than move into a care home.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/media-centre/home-cash-plan>

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

### **Dance group diversity team up with Change4Life to get the nation moving**

Britain's Got Talent winners Diversity, are joining forces with the Department of Health to launch a Government campaign to get kids boogying for a healthier future across the country. The 'Let's Dance with Change4Life' campaign will see the whole nation getting down with free taster dance classes across the country. The campaign will give kids the chance to win a dance workshop with Diversity, as well as opening up free dance classes to everyone for the first ever national weekend of dance in March, sponsored by Change4Life partner, the Fitness Industry Association.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/detail.aspx?NewsAreald=2&ReleaseID=410626&SubjectId=15&DepartmentMode=true>

**Link to campaign:** <https://dance.change4life.com/index.aspx>

### **Walk to school scheme receives funding to get local kids on their feet**

A scheme that encourages families to ditch the car and walk their children to school once a week will receive an £800, 000 boost from the Government to start working with Manchester schools, Public Health Minister Gillian Merron will announce today (26/01/2010). The 'Walk Once a Week' scheme run by the Living Streets charity, is currently running in schools across all London boroughs and rewards children who walk to school one day a week with a collectable metal badge for each month they take part. The £800, 000 funding will be used to expand the scheme to at least 900 more schools across England, including schools in Manchester as well as The West Midlands, Merseyside and Tyne and Wear where levels of childhood obesity and overweight are higher.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/detail.aspx?NewsAreald=2&ReleaseID=410586&SubjectId=15&DepartmentMode=true>

### **Statistics on obesity, physical activity and diet: England 2010**

**See Section: NUTRITION/OBESITY**

## SEXUAL HEALTH/HIV/AIDS

### **Ed Balls launches 21st century sex and relationship education**

Updated curriculum will deal with pressures posed by new technologies and there will be a focus on importance of marriage and stable relationships. Young people will be taught how to deal with the pressure and intimidation often caused by exposure to sexual content in the media and on the internet and mobile phones, Ed Balls announced today (25.02.10). Children will also learn about the importance of marriage and stable relationships to family life, and the value of delaying sexual experiences.

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2010\\_0022](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2010_0022)

### **Complacent middle-aged women match teenagers for unplanned pregnancy**

Complacency about contraception and fertility in middle age is resulting in similar rates of unplanned pregnancies among over-40s as in the under-16s, fertility campaigners warn. Data for England and Wales from the Office for National Statistics shows abortion rates in the 40-44 age group are four per 1,000 women — the same as for girls under 16

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/health/article7019912.ece>

**See also:** <http://www.fpa.org.uk/News/Press/pressreleases2010/9February2010>

### **Primary schoolgirls getting pregnant aged 10**

Primary schoolgirls as young as 10 are getting pregnant, according to new figures released under the Freedom of Information Act. Between 2000 and 2007, a total of 15 ten year olds and 39 aged 11 fell pregnant in England and Wales.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/7186620/Primary-schoolgirls-getting-pregnant-aged-10.html>

## **PCT to set up sexual health clinics in secondary schools**

Sexual health clinics are to be set up in secondary schools in Liverpool as part of an expansion of school-based health services across Merseyside. Liverpool Primary Care Trust (PCT) has confirmed that talks are to take place with schools in the city to set up sexual health clinics on site and that involvement will be on a voluntary basis

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Education/982173/PCT-set-sexual-health-clinics-secondary-schools/>

## **Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)**

The new Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) have been published to support the commissioning and provision of high quality care for STIs across all settings.

[http://www.medfash.org.uk/Projects/BASHH%20standards/Final%20pdfs/Standards\\_for\\_the\\_management\\_of\\_STIs.pdf](http://www.medfash.org.uk/Projects/BASHH%20standards/Final%20pdfs/Standards_for_the_management_of_STIs.pdf)

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION/HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

### **Fairer health in the future**

A major report on tackling health inequalities for the next 10 years and beyond was welcomed today by the Secretary of State for Health, Andy Burnham. Professor Sir Michael Marmot of University College London was asked by the Government to provide a clear set of short, medium, and long term objectives to inform how health inequalities can be dramatically reduced. The report "Fair Society, Healthy Lives" is a thorough and comprehensive analysis of health inequalities in England today and it identifies key areas for future action. It will help set the direction beyond current targets, for the next 10 years and beyond.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH\\_112296](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH_112296)

### **Marmot Review document:**

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/gheg/marmotreview/Documents/finalreport/FairSocietyHealthyLives>

## **TOBACCO**

### **A Smokefree Future**

An ambitious new strategy will halve the number of smokers, from 21 to 10 per cent of the population by 2020, Secretary of State for Health Andy Burnham announced. The number of people smoking has fallen by a quarter in the past decade – just last year 337,000 people stopped smoking thanks to free support from the NHS.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=410753&SubjectId=15&DepartmentMode=true>

**Link to Strategy:** A smokefree future: a comprehensive tobacco control strategy for England  
[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_111749](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_111749)

### **Smoking, drinking and drug-use among young people**

The ONS has released regional statistics on young people in England and smoking, drinking and drug-use.

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/health-and-lifestyles-related-surveys/smoking-drinking-and-drug-use-among-young-people-in-england/smoking-drinking-and-drug-use-among-young-people-in-england-findings-by-region-2006-to-2008>

### **Marmot Review of Health Inequalities: Reducing tobacco use is key to narrowing the gap**

Responding to the Marmot review of health inequalities published today ASH welcomed the recommendation to increase investment in ill health prevention including programmes to reduce smoking among the poorest social groups. As the report notes: "Tobacco control is central to any strategy to tackle health inequalities as smoking accounts for approximately half

of the difference in life expectancy between the lowest and highest income groups". Smoking-related deaths are two to three times higher in low income groups than in wealthier social groups.

[http://www.ash.org.uk/ash\\_z7hhyz7p.htm](http://www.ash.org.uk/ash_z7hhyz7p.htm)

**Marmot Review:**

**Fairer health in the future**

**See Section: SOCIAL INCLUSION/HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

## **OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS**

**Swine flu vaccine continues to provide vital protection says Chief Medical Officer**

Swine flu cases remain near their lowest level since the early stages of the disease in the United Kingdom, according to a statistical bulletin from the Chief Medical Officer for England, published today (4.02.10). The bulletin also shows that the swine flu vaccination programme has gathered pace since Christmas, as more people in groups at risk from swine flu including the under fives, are being vaccinated.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH\\_112085](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH_112085)

## **NEW RESOURCES**

**Help reach out to hidden carers**

*Download resources to promote Carers Direct in your area*

Carers Direct has launched a campaign to raise awareness of the service, particularly among hidden carers – those people who look after and support friends or relatives but don't consider it care. Of the 5.2 million carers in the UK, more than two thirds – 3.5 million people – fall into this category. They often persevere alone, without seeking any assistance or support from organisations that can help them.

<http://www.nhs.uk/carersdirect/toolkit/Pages/Toolkit.aspx>

**Children's Minister launches national directory of over 150,000 childcare providers and family services**

From today (26.01.10) parents across the country will be able to search for childcare providers in their region through one convenient website. The Family Information Directory will include the details of all childcare available to families across England. It will show parents the range of providers, from nurseries to childminders and after-school clubs to children's centres, available in their area. The Family Information Directory can be found at:

<http://familyservices.direct.gov.uk> and on other sites that parents visit like [www.dadtalk.co.uk](http://www.dadtalk.co.uk) and [www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk).

**Small steps towards a healthier life**

The Food Standards Agency has officially launched SmallSteps4Life – an interactive website to motivate young people to take simple steps towards improving their health and well-being, both inside and outside the classroom.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2010/feb/smallsteps>

**Visit the website:** <http://smallsteps4life.direct.gov.uk/>

## **LOCAL & NATIONAL EVENTS/COURSES**

**Get Yourself Lively....Walking! – St Helens**

For you latest Health Walks schedule please contact Tel: 01744 697433.

**Walking your Way to Health - Halton**

For your latest Health Walks schedule please contact Tel: 0303 333 4300 Ext. 4133.

**Cancer Awareness Event**

17.02.10 – Asda. St Helens – 10 am – 4 pm

### **Get Checked Events (Cancer Awareness)**

18.02.10, 19.02.10, 25.02.10, 26.02.10 – Various locations in St Helens/Halton – 10 am – 4 pm – Further details 0151 495 5450

### **Health Awareness Event**

18.02.10 – Brookdale Children's Centre, Runcorn – 1pm – 3pm

## **NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL HEALTH EVENTS 2010 – March**

For a full list of Health Events and links please visit:

<http://www.equip.nhs.uk/Events/EventList.aspx>

## **OTHER LOCAL E-BULLETINS/NEWSLETTERS**

### **ChaMPS Public Health Network Bulletin**

ChaMPS is your public health network for Cheshire and Merseyside PCTs, NHS Acute Trusts, local authorities and wider health organisations. If you would like to know more about joining ChaMPS and receiving this bulletin contact Viv Martindale, ChaMPS Network Administrator on 0151 643 5369 or email [vivienne.martindale@bwwpct.nhs.uk](mailto:vivienne.martindale@bwwpct.nhs.uk)

### **Cheshire & Merseyside New Documents Bulletin**

A weekly review of new documents produced collaboratively by primary care librarians across Cheshire & Merseyside. Contact the Primary Care Library on 0151 676 5650 or email [library.pct@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:library.pct@sthk.nhs.uk) if you would like to receive this bulletin.

### **National Library for Public Health e-Newsletter**

The library has been developed to provide high quality evidence e-based information on all aspects of public health. It is designed for those working in the field of public health by providing a single source of access to web based evidence on public health.

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/publichealth/page.aspx?pagename=NEWSLETTER>

### **Focus on Food**

Newsletter of the North West Food and Nutrition Team

[http://www.nwph.net/food\\_health/Newsletters/Newsletter%20-%20December%20\(PDF\).pdf](http://www.nwph.net/food_health/Newsletters/Newsletter%20-%20December%20(PDF).pdf)

## **Your Comments**

The content of this bulletin highlights recent articles and/or documents appearing on a selection of websites, which we feel may be of interest to the wider health improvement area. All links are correct at the time of publishing. If you have any comments or suggestions about the Bulletin or would like to forward an item or news of an event, we would love to hear from you. Please forward this bulletin on to people who might otherwise not receive it.

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