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Training in HoNOS65+

The HoNOS65+ Implementation Group Training Consortium was launched on 1 September 1999. It consists of a group of multi-disciplinary trainers retained by the HoNOS65+ Implementation Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit to provide training in the use and implementation of HoNOS65+. A variety of training packages is now available. These packages may include training trainers' sessions, direct training of individual clinicians, organisational support and help in developing administrative and IT systems, depending on the specific organisational or individual training needs. For further information please contact the Project Manager, Jody Raab (telephone: 0181 690 5647; fax: 0181 333 3495; e-mail: jodyraab@lgmh-tr.sthames.nhs.uk; web page: www.umds.ac.uk/psychiatry/soap/hig65.htm).

New publications

Two new training resources are available from Pavillion Publishing. Offering a realistic and holistic approach to assertiveness training, *Thumbs Up!* by Deanne Bell emphasises the link between self-esteem and assertive behaviour. The package consists of simple exercises and

activities which will encourage people with learning disabilities to appreciate their individual qualities and to develop their own identities. The materials include: group leader's guidance on running the sessions; session outlines with key learning points, activities and exercises on assertiveness skills, receiving criticism, behaviour, problem-solving and feeling good about yourself; and handouts, worksheets and resource sheets. The package is priced at £55 (subject to postage and packaging charges). *This is My Home* is a new video-based resource focusing on the significance of language and control in the process of empowerment. It illustrates how people can explore the language currently used within their service to decide on whether it affects them positively or negatively. The video is suitable for use with groups of staff and tenants with a wide range of needs and shows how people with few or no verbal communication skills can be encouraged to make choices about how and where they live. Accompanying notes encourage discussion and positive action planning. This video-training package is available at £30 plus VAT (subject to postage and packaging charges). Enquiries on either package should be directed to: Customer Services, Pavillion Publishing, 8 St George's Place, Brighton BN1 4GB (telephone: 01273 623222; fax: 01273 625526).