



**national survivor  
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## NSUN news

**Stop Press Stop Press Stop Press Stop Press Stop Press Stop Press**

**National commissioning consultation:** Through the [National Involvement Partnership](#) we are working to ensure the service user and carer perspective is being included in the development of new commissioning arrangements. The [Joint Commissioning Panel](#) for Mental Health (JCP-MH) has been established to address concerns about the future commissioning of mental health services and public mental health interventions. The JCP-MH is producing three briefings that provide a framework for what mental health commissioning looks like now, how it will work under the reforms, and identifies the opportunities to provide care in the future. The first briefing 'Practical Mental Health Commissioning' can be downloaded [here](#).



The next briefing will focus on what **good commissioning** looks like. We want to ensure that our experiences and views are included in this briefing.

Recent survey results have found that only 31% of GPs felt prepared to take on commissioning for mental health services so please share your views and experiences of commissioning.

You can share your experiences of good commissioning processes and outcomes directly via [email](#).

## Arts: Sound Minds

Founded in 1994, Sound Minds is a user led charity and social enterprise transforming the lives of people experiencing mental ill health through participation in arts activities. *'We are a thriving community bound together by creativity and a shared belief in mutual support.'*

Visit the [website](#) to find out about upcoming music events and training.



## Report: Mental Health Tribunal Process

A ground-breaking report was published 30th March 2011 on the experiences of patients who appealed to a tribunal against their detention under the Mental Health Act. First-hand information has been obtained from patients of their personal experiences of appearing before the First-tier Tribunal (Mental Health), formerly the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

The report was commissioned by the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council (AJTC) and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The report finds that patients' experiences of tribunals ranged from positive to strongly negative and that delays are a substantial factor in many patients' negative experiences of the tribunal process.

For more information visit the [website](#).



## Research: Online Health Communities

**How do patients seek information in online health communities?**

- Are you above 16 years of age?
- Do you have long term illness ?

The University of Manchester  
**Manchester  
Business School**

- Do you seek information in online health communities?

If you answered YES to all these questions, you are invited to participate in this study. The purpose of this study is to explore how patients gather information in online communities to inform decision making.

As a participant, you would have a one-hour interview AND a questionnaire. Interviews would be conducted at Manchester Business School OR over the telephone. Questionnaire would be completed online.

In appreciation for your time, you will receive a **£10 gift voucher**.

For more information, or to volunteer for this study, please [email](#) Hana Ishak Business Systems Division, Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, Booth Street West, Manchester M15 6PB Telephone: **01613062075**

## Funding

[The Percy Bilton Charity](#) is a grant-making trust (registered charity number 1094720) and company limited by guarantee founded in 1962. Grants are made to organisations and individuals in need throughout the U.K.

[The Co-operative Community Fund](#) is a grant scheme that helps local communities throughout the UK. Since 1997, thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations have benefited.

[The AB Charitable Trust](#) is an independent, UK based grant-making organisation founded in 1990 that is concerned with promoting and defending human dignity.

[The Fusema Foundation](#) focuses on supporting smaller charities and unpopular causes where any donation made can make a real and sustained impact.



## Charity Commission: CIO guidance and constitutions

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, has published the first part of its guidance for anyone interested in setting up a [Charitable Incorporated Organisation \(CIO\)](#) and two model constitutions for forming a CIO, ahead of the expected implementation. [Read more](#)



## Disability LIB: Events

### "DPOs: Building Our Future"

**Date:** Saturday 9th April 2011,

**Time:** 10:15 - 16:15

**Location:** Birmingham City University The Baker Hall City North Campus, Franchise Street Perry Barr B42 2

The day will be lively and interactive - focused on information sharing and learning; celebrating the work of the Disability LIB Alliance over the last three years. Young people helped us plan the event and young people will co chair the day.

For more information visit the [website](#), telephone 020 7737 6030 or [email](#)



### "Community voices for Health Network capacity building for London community groups"

**Date:** Monday 11th April 2011

**Time:** 09:30 - 16:00

**Venue:** City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

This free training course, delivered by leading training organisation Healthlink, is designed to build the capacity of a diverse range of community organisations, with varying levels of experience, to influence decision-makers in organisations that impact on health and well being especially local councils and the NHS.

For more information telephone 020 7983 5765 or [email](#) Simona Dinu

## Department of Health: News

[HealthWatch Transition Plan](#): This document highlights key issues for Local Involvement Networks (LINks), their host organisations and local authorities during 2011/12, prior to the establishment of HealthWatch - Published 30 March 2011.

[David Behan](#), Director General for Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships, will be joining Carers.org for a hosted webchat on Thursday, 7 April at 1 pm. The chat is open to anyone who is affected by the Mental Health Strategy, including social care professionals, carers and those who receive mental care services. Follow this [link](#) to register your participation, with full details of the event.



Read the latest Social Care bulletin [here](#).

[Consultation response](#): Transparency in outcomes: a framework for quality in adult social care - Published: 31 March 2011  
The consultation on proposals for a new approach to quality and outcomes in adult social care ran from 16 November 2010 to 9 February 2011.

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