

Mid Week Memo

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“Providing relevant updates for the information of GPs and their staff”

Do you have any issues you would like raised with the Drug and Alcohol Service?

Dr. Adrian Dunlop is the Director of Drug & Alcohol Services for Hunter New England Health and is visiting Tamworth on 4th November, 2008. As part of this visit he has scheduled a meeting with the Division and we would therefore like to know if you have any issues you feel he should be made aware of. Please contact Graeme or Trish by 31st October if you have any concerns/comments.

Meeting with visiting Clinical Director, HNE Child & Adolescent Mental Health

Dr Michael Mayo (Clinical Director) & Mr Brad Parker (Service Manager) Child & Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS), HNEH will be visiting Tamworth in early November. They are keen to meet with local GPs and paediatricians over a light lunch on Wednesday 12th November 12:30 - 1:30 (at Chidgey Room, Dean House, Dean St.) to discuss the core business of CAMHS, and related service delivery issues. All welcome to attend. [The core business of CAMHS services, and criteria for referral, are described in a document obtainable from Deborah Pryor at the Division.] For further inquiries, please contact Quentin Dignam on 6767.7910 or Quentin.Dignam@hne.health.nsw.gov.au

Sexual Health Education Evening

A Sexual Health education evening will be conducted on **Tuesday, 11th November** at the UNE Centre, Tamworth, from 6:30 – 9:30pm. Invitations will be sent to GP's and Practice Nurses in the Division. Speakers will be Dr Catriona Ooi, Director of Sexual Health, Hunter New England, and Dr Miriam Grotowski. CPD points have been applied for. For further information please contact Anne at the Division on 67661394.

Seminar: Mood Disorders and their impact in the School Community

Mood Disorders and Youth Professor, Gordon Parker, will deliver a presentation 'Tracking the Black Dog: Understanding Mood Disorders and their impact in the School Community' on Thursday 6th November, 2008, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Performing Arts Centre, McCarthy Catholic College, Tribe Street, Tamworth. If you would like to attend please RSVP to blackdogevents@unsw.edu.au by Friday 31 October, 2008.

Cervical Screening Upskilling for GPs

Family Planning NSW is conducting Cervical Screening training, which is ideal for GPs who have limited experience in clinical examination techniques or for those GPs who wish to refresh their skills. It is a free workshop and will be held in Tamworth on Saturday 1st November, 2008. For more information call Iris Lawler, Family Planning NSW on (02) 8752 4335 or www.fpnsw.org.au

Locum available

Wavelength International has a vocationally registered GP who is looking for work in NSW for the month of November. If you would like any further information please contact Sara Dawson on (02) 8353 9045 or email sdawson@wave.com.au

Assistance required with survey on Rural Medical Workforce Shortage

Macquarie University together with the Rural Doctors Network NSW are researching the rural medical workforce shortage and are looking in particular at the role of individual characteristics in the decision to enter and remain in rural practice. This survey was sent to GPs at the beginning of October and the RDN/Macquarie University would obviously welcome your input. If you have any queries please contact Sarah Stanford at Macquarie University on 0402 007 790 or email stanfordsarah@hotmail.com