

DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

- Homeless Nurses' Group UK ~ Chaired by Jane Gray (2002/6)
- SIGHHH (CPHVA) ~ Chaired by Jane Cook (2003/5)
- "Merged" together & jointly chaired by JC & JG (2006)
- Grew ! So DoH then QNI approached for professional support

HOMELESS HEALTH INITIATIVE (HHI) 2007 -2010 QNI

Nurses working in homelessness services:~

• Wanted to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence in caring for their patients

• Found there was little support or training opportunities for those often 'working on the margins'

Often felt professionally isolated & excluded like their patients



HOMELESS HEALTH INITIATIVE (HHI) 2007 -2010 QNI

HHI focussed on the health needs of single homeless & homeless families & in 3 years made huge & measurable steps towards achieving its goals & exceeded many of its targets, e.g.

• Established an active network of over 600 homeless health professionals (target was 110)

Provided many opportunities for professional

development, regular updates & information sharing

 Produced resources & guidance on good practice in homeless health

OPENING DOORS (2010 - 2012) QNI

Opening Doors built on the incredibly successful Homeless Healthcare Initiative & focussed on homeless people affected by substance misuse & homeless families. In 2 years it too exceeded its goals, e.g.

• Network grew to more than 730 professionals involved with homeless health (98% nurses/midwives/HVs)

• Developed and distributed 5 sets of guidance notes on homeless health issues that were distributed to more than 800 nurses and health workers

• Held 5 workshops attended by 164 health practitioners, many of whom said they felt attending would impact their work in a positive way

WHERE NEXT FOR 2013 WHAT DO WE ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE?

Leadership – skills, knowledge, expertise

Training

Career progression

Setting standards - quality

Evidence

Influencing

Support

Collaboration – partnership work



GOVERNANCE

Clinical supervision Training Service user involvement Audit Service development Strategic influence Collaboration Management structure

