

## Dear Senior PWPs,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the last Senior PWP meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the University of Manchester, and I hope you found the afternoon useful. The presentation from the day is available through our page on the PPN website, but I also just wanted to follow up with a bit more detail on some of the actions we agreed.

## Group Membership

In terms of the group membership, I appreciate there are often changes within PWP roles, so if you know of new Senior PWPs who aren't yet members, please do encourage them to contact Alina ([Alina.Pirijac@srft.nhs.uk](mailto:Alina.Pirijac@srft.nhs.uk)) to be added to the distribution list.

I updated the group on some changes to my own role: in March this year I started as course lead for the PWP training at University of Central Lancashire. I am happy to continue as the current Chair of the group for another 12 months, which was informally agreed at the meeting, but if anybody wants to discuss this further then please do get in touch.

Katie Kay, the current co-chair of the group, has also had a change in role, and is now Project Lead for a Recovery College in Pennine Care. While Katie very much intends to continue to stay involved in the work of the group and support the network, she doesn't feel able to continue as Co-Chair.

**We are therefore seeking expressions of interest for a new Deputy/Co-Chair for the PWP Network within this Senior PWP group.** If you are interested in this role, could you please send a brief overview (max. 500 words) of why you would like to take on this role and what you will bring to the role, by **1<sup>st</sup> July 2016**. We will then share these within the network for nominations. If anybody would like to discuss the role in more detail, please do contact me at [lkell@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:lkell@uclan.ac.uk)

## PWP Masterclasses

You will have seen the emails with details of the next event on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**. Due to some membership changes within the group, we are seeking a few willing and able volunteers to support Paula Smith with the organisation of future masterclasses. I'm sure you'll all agree these Masterclasses are a really useful resource for the PWP workforce in the North West, but they do require some work and effort to organise. Paula does a fantastic job, and has some really effective systems in place to keep the process as simple as possible, but 2 or 3 additional people to help, particularly with liaising with and booking speakers and organising the content of the events, will ensure these masterclasses continue.

If you are interested in being more involved in supporting these events then please do contact either myself at [lkell@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:lkell@uclan.ac.uk) or Paula at [Paula.Smith15@nhs.net](mailto:Paula.Smith15@nhs.net)

## Updates

In reviewing the achievements we have made so far as a group, in particular the Code of Conduct, Recruitment and Retention Best Practice Guides and accompanying the PWP Person Specifications Band 4-6, we agreed that the next step for the group is to ensure these are available as 'products' which will enable their much wider circulation and hopefully support them to be adopted at least on a northern, and potentially on a national level. Clare Baguley has kindly offered some support with this through the PPN, and if you would like to be involved in supporting this work, please do contact me at [lkell@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:lkell@uclan.ac.uk)

## Northern Senior PWPs

There is now a senior PWP Group established in the North East, and a Yorkshire and Humber PWP group is currently in development. I've already spoken with the chairs of these groups, and we are proposing that we move to formally become the 'Northern Senior PWP Group' with the 3 regions acting as sub-groups and working collaboratively to share good practice and other developments.

You will hopefully have seen information about the Northern PWP Conference on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at York Racecourse** and we hope to see lots of you there. We already have a workshop slot to discuss the development and successes of the Senior PWP groups so this will be a fantastic opportunity to launch our new identity as a northern group.

Questions for you to consider:

Is 'Northern Senior PWP Group' the right name for us? Do people have any other suggestions for names?

Can we develop a brand and a logo for the group? Should it be purple to complement the PPN logo and branding (which has been a fantastic support in getting us to this point)?

Do you want to get involved in developing this brand? If yes then please get in touch ASAP.

## PWP Wellbeing

We had a brief discussion in regards to PWP Wellbeing at the meeting. Following the publication of the BPS Wellbeing Charter earlier this year, it is clear that there are significant issues in relation to the wellbeing of psychological professionals nationally. There is now beginning to be more attention paid to the PWP workforce in relation to this and we have an opportunity as a group to further understand these problems specifically for PWP workforce and begin to develop some recommendations for actions, so please watch this space as further details about this and ways to get involved will be available soon!

I hope this update has been useful and look forward to continuing to work with you all.

Best wishes,

Liz Kell, Chair of the PWP Professional Network