



Herefordshire Health and Social Care Compact Learning Events – “Delivering Better Together” November and December 2006

The forthcoming Compact Code learning events are aimed at strengthening joint ownership of the Code of Good Practice on Funding and Procurement.

The events come at an exciting time in the Compact's development. The Government is taking the opportunity to make a step change in the relationship between the public and voluntary sectors by appointing a Commissioner for the Compact.

Why attend?

In Herefordshire the Compact Code of Good Practice on Funding and Procurement was launched in November 2005 and will take full effect from April 2007. These events offer a unique opportunity to share experiences of the key issues and will provide an essential guide to the Code's practical implementation.

The implementation of the Code will have a direct impact on all funding relationships and the procurement of services. It is of particular relevance to commissioners, contract managers, service managers, voluntary sector managers and finance officers who are expected to attend in order to acquaint themselves with the changes and help in shaping their introduction next spring.

The events, running in November and December, are starting during “Compact Week”. Compact Week is an annual awareness-raising week to highlight how the Compact can help voluntary and community organisations in their relationships with central and local government. The theme of this year's Compact Week, which has been adopted for the Learning Events, is “Delivering Better Together”.

The event sessions

The events are being delivered by Community First on behalf of The Alliance, Hereford PCT and Herefordshire Council.

Two linked whole-day sessions have been organised to form a complete package. The events will be held at the Herefordshire Group Training Association Centre in Holmer Road, Hereford.



Session 1 - “The Compact Code in Context”

- High level introduction to the Code of good practice on Funding and Procurement
- Strategic planning and commissioning
- The procurement process
- Monitoring and reporting
- Next steps to ensure ongoing communication, learning and support

Session 2 - “The Compact Code in Practice” –

- Pricing of services, apportioning costs and overheads
- Full cost recovery
- Risk analysis, allocation, sharing and management of risk
- A standard contract and terms of delivery
- How to write a tender, how to evaluate a tender
- Contract negotiation.
- Outcomes, impact and value added

Session Dates

Session 1 – Dates - 8th, 9th, 10th and 13th November 2006.

Session 2 – Dates- 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th December 2006

Invitations will be issued in week commencing 2nd October.