ONLINE LINKS

~ New Code of Conduct launched by Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC).
The new code will come into effect on 1 May 2008. The NMC describes this new Code as a key tool in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of the public, which has now been updated to meet the ever changing requirements of today's nurses and midwives. Read the new code here: http://www.nmc-uk.org/aSection.aspx?SectionID=45

~ National education and competence framework for advanced critical care practitioners
The document describes, the role of an advanced critical care practitioner; how the role should function within the critical care team, and the benefits of introducing the role in clinical practice.

~ Research Project on the Role of Allied Health Professionals in Health Promotion.
City University’s Centre for Allied Health Professions Research has been awarded a major grant by the NIHR Service Delivery and Organisation Programme to examine the nature and extent of allied health professionals' involvement in health promotion across the UK. The main component of this 18-month project will be a systematic literature review. More information available at:
http://csp.org.uk/director/newsandevents/news.cfm?item_id=2ED41636BAF782A2ADCFB83AAB434B90

~ Staff give their views of working for the NHS
The Healthcare Commission has published results from the annual survey of NHS staff. There were a number of positive results from the survey. The results found that staff were generally satisfied in their jobs, but only 26% thought their trust valued their work, down from 28% in 2005. Survey responses indicate poor levels of communication between staff and senior management, with only 22% thinking it is effective.
Press release and link to full and summary report for each trust are available
http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/newsandevents/pressreleases.cfm?cit_id=6422&widCall1=customWidgets.content_view_f&usecache=false
Report:
~ Patient Information prescription - final report
Information was “prescribed” to different groups of patients with long-term health and social care needs in 20 pilot sites in 2007/08.
This report evaluates the results of the and makes recommendations for the future introduction of this patient information initiative.

~ Nutrition screening survey in the UK in 2007
A nutrition screening survey of adults on admission to hospitals, care homes and mental health trusts has found high levels of malnutrition.
The report from the British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition revealed that Malnutrition in adults on admission to hospitals affects almost 1 in 3 subjects, who were mostly in the high risk category. It is also common in mental health units.

~ Call on NHS trusts to learn from patients’ complaints
This 2nd report from the Healthcare Commission shows that complaints about a lack of basic nursing care, poor communications, overly brisk GP consultations and a lack of help for mental health service users are among the key issues patients raise.
It covers over 10,000 complaints that were independently reviewed by the Commission between August 2006 and July 2007. It looks at how complaints are handled and the common themes to enable trusts to learn lessons from them.
Press release:
http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/newsandevents/pressreleases.cfm?cit_id=6417&widCall1=customWidgets.content_view_1&usecache=false

~ Local accountability in the NHS lacks clarity, says King’s Fund
There is a need for greater clarity about what politicians mean when they talk about increasing local accountability in the NHS, according to a new King’s Fund report.
As government reforms have devolved more power to local NHS bodies and front-line professionals, there have been calls to ensure that those who take on increased responsibility are held to account.
But how this is achieved remains controversial. It is not even clear to what extent people want more control over how their primary care trust (PCT) spends its money, the report argues.
http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/media/debate_around_local.html

~ NHS Choices: delivering for the NHS
NHS Choices (www.nhs.uk) is the NHS’ primary public information service. This new document describes how it will drive improvements in healthcare and utilise technologies to re-shape the way people engage with their own health, each other and the NHS. The full document can be found at:

~ Libraries encouraged to offer Choose and Book
More than 3000 libraries across England are being encouraged to help patients use NHS Choices and Choose and Book to book their hospital appointment. Areas which participated in pilot schemes have since extended the scheme across their areas and the project is now being rolled out by strategic health authorities.

~ National Knowledge Week

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