

## AGE-APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE STANDARDS WORKSHOP

*DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR ADULT PSYCHIATRIC WARDS THAT ADMIT YOUNG PEOPLE*

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008**  
**10.30 am — 4.00 pm**

Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research and Training Unit  
4th Floor Boardroom, Standon House,  
21 Mansell Street, London, E1 8AA

*The workshop is free and refreshments and lunch will be provided*

**TO BOOK A PLACE:**

**If you would like to participate in this workshop please complete the accompanying booking form and return by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to Anne O'Herlihy at [aoherlihy@cru.rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:aoherlihy@cru.rcpsych.ac.uk); CCQI Tel: 020 7977 6689.**

The target date for the 'Age Appropriate Environment' amendment within the Mental Health Act 2007 is April 2010. This amendment requires that young people under age 18 are admitted to an environment which is appropriate for their age (subject to need). The aim of the amendment is to stop inappropriate placements of under 18s on adult wards. However, there will still be circumstances when admission to an adult ward is necessary, even if only briefly and when this happens adult wards must provide a safe and suitable environment. But what constitutes a safe or appropriate adult ward for an under 18 year old? What steps do adult wards need to take to be ready for 2010, and what can be achieved before that date?

- This workshop brings together those involved with the CAMHS quality networks (QNIC and QINMAC), the adult ward accreditation service (AIMS) and other interested professionals to discuss the first draft of 'Age-Appropriate Environment' standards.
- The day will include presentations about the changes to the law, and how the first draft of the standards have been developed to date. This will be followed by small group sessions to further develop each area of the standards.
- The final standards will underpin a web-based tool for managers and practitioners in adult psychiatric wards to use in order to assess whether their current environment could be suitable for the accommodation, care and treatment of young people, and if not, what changes need to be made. This will be linked to a simple system of self- and peer-review, and accreditation.
- Your involvement in the workshop will be acknowledged in an appendix to the published standards.

For more information please see:

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/researchandtrainingunit/centreforqualityimprovement.aspx> (from Aug. 08); <http://mhact.csip.org.uk>