



Supporting people living with and affected by HIV in Dorset since 1986

Welcome to the new format of our newsletter. We plan to issue it monthly from now on, and send it directly to your email inbox wherever possible. You can sign up on our website – www.bodypositivedorset.org. Please let us know if you would like to contribute an article or have a comment for the editor.

Dental patient information

Since April 2006, the general dental contract has changed, and people with HIV and blood-borne viruses can access the general dental service.

The Community Dental Service at Canford Heath Dental Clinic only have a remit for people with HIV if they are severely immune-compromised and need special care, or if they have another disability or medical problem which prevents them from accessing care in the general dental services.

Service users at Body Positive Dorset should seek dental care from general dental practitioners. This can be done in a variety of ways:



- NHS Direct – 0845 4647
- www.nhs.uk – use the site search in the top right corner – choosing Dentist and entering a relevant postcode
- Dorset Dental Helpline – 01202 854 443



Service Users can also obtain dental advice from the British Dental Health Foundation on 0845 063 1188 to include information on procedures. www.dentalhealth.org.uk

It is recommended that Service Users should make an appointment for initial consultation with a dentist conveniently located for them, without mentioning any medical condition. At the appointment, it can be disclosed as part of the medical history.



Bourne Free 2009

Body Positive Dorset will be taking part in this year's Bourne Free "Pride Parade". The theme is CIRCUS and we are looking for anyone who can walk on stilts, juggle or perform any other circus related activity whilst walking in the parade. We would also like as many of you as possible to come and take part in the parade and to help carry the Body Positive Banner.

This year there will also be stalls in the Triangle and Body Positive have booked one. The most exciting part of the event will be a 12 HOUR STREET PARTY in the Triangle from 11am to 11pm on Saturday 11th July. Roads will be closed and traffic diverted to accommodate the party which will feature a top quality sound stage, massive bar, food and market stalls. Entry to the party is by wrist band only and these can be purchased securely on www.bournefree.co.uk. The price in advance is £7 or £10 in the week before the event.

Student Placements at Body Positive

Hi, my name's Carly. I currently attend Bournemouth University where I am studying Community Development work. I am in my second year of my studies. The reason for choosing this course (for me) was the importance of empowering people.

Within the organisation I am setting up a volunteer programme which is being launched as 'Be Positive'. This programme has been designed to encourage the local community to support and engage with the organisation.

Hi, my name's Becca and I am currently working on placement at Body Positive Dorset for a 45 day

period. I am a first year student, studying BA (hons) 'Community Development' at Bournemouth University and am working here as part of my course. During my stay, I am working on a project called 'service user involvement and organisational direction' where I will be surveying all service users and other stakeholders, in order to identify each individual's requirements and expectations that they have of the organisation.

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Monday -Thursday:
1.00 to 7.00

Friday:
12.00 to
4.00



Funding Results from Richard Erven

We have now raised sufficient funds to do some external repairs to the fabric of the building and also to install disabled facilities at the Centre. This will include ramp access, new flooring, disabled toilets and modifications to our kitchen area.

In our continuing quest to obtain a decent supply of free condoms for Service Users I am delighted to announce that one of our Trustees, Joy Craddock, has kindly made a donation of 250 condoms. This is in part a straightforward donation to Body Positive and partly in recognition of fellow Trustee and past Chairman Tim Watts'

60th Birthday. I am sure all Service Users will join me in thanking Joy for her generous contribution.

Funding has been secured from The Learning Curve and the EU to enable us to train four or five service users to become "Trainers". These people will then be in a position to earn an income delivering our HIV Awareness & Prevention Training to local schools/college and other institutions. If you are interested in learning more please contact Dave England at the centre.

**Positive Living.
Positive Support.
Positive Education.**

Remember – the Centre in Lorne Park Road is only open early if you have a specific prior appointment with a counsellor or staff member. Don't get caught in the rain!



Staff News

We are sorry to say good bye to Sharon Epton, our Supporting People Worker, who finished on 15 May. Sharon has been with us for seven months, and her smile made everything work smoothly. Sharon thanked everyone for the most enjoyable time working here at Body Positive. She said that she benefited from her time here, our support and guidance. We wish her well in the future.

We must also announce the departure of Patricia Johnson, the Administration Manager. The Board of Trustees have had to make some hard decisions about how to allocate resources to obtain maximum results. This, along with the economic climate has led to her position being made redundant as of 12 June. She plans to be very busy over the next few weeks to give as much support as possible to the other managers.

We have already started the selection process for a new Supporting People Worker and will let you know when this is complete. There will be a new role of Administrator/Bookkeeper and this will be advertised on the website if anyone would like to consider applying.

Could you be a Volunteer?

At Body Positive Dorset we rely on our volunteers to assist us in the smooth operation of the support centre, provision of services, fundraising, future development of the organisation and implementation of a comprehensive education and training package.

Volunteers engaged on our programme will benefit from:

- free training
- skills enhancement
- specific recognition
- refreshments
- out of pocket expenses
- attend events held at Body Positive Dorset

Volunteer opportunities at Body Positive Dorset:

Administration Reception Fundraising Gardening Support
Housekeeping Events Maintenance Journalism

See our website for further information.

www.bodypositivedorset.org



We have a small amount of foreign currency (Euros and Turkish Lira) donated through the collection tins. If anyone is travelling and would like to make a small donation in exchange for the coins, please contact the Main Office.

Won't you join in the Stop Aids Campaign? They are lobbying for an HIV medication patent pool which will make an immense difference to people in all developing countries.

Link to
www.stopaidscampaign.org.uk