

Proposals welcomed for the 3rd National Care Homes Congress

Caring Times and the *Journal of Dementia Care* are delighted to announce that the 3rd Annual National Care Homes Congress will take place from **23rd - 24th June 2010** at the fantastic Clarendon Suites in Birmingham.

The purpose of the event, sponsored by Southern Cross Healthcare, is to offer management an unique opportunity to get together, network and examine and report on the evidence for what should be happening in care homes.

The Congress benefits from the support of all four of the main provider organisations, ECCA, NCA, NCF and RNHA and is also supported by the West Midlands Care Association.

The Congress, which has been a huge success since its inception in 2008, will be held in Birmingham over two days, starting with two plenaries to which everyone will be invited.

The plenaries will be followed by four parallel sessions for the rest of the days on a wide range of topics ranging from creating the best environments to making the right management decisions, safeguarding residents, end of life strategies, dementia, and common physical and mental health issues.



We invite abstracts of proposed papers, on any aspect of support, care and treatment for people requiring care, their families and care staff, in a care home setting.

The following themes should be taken into account when developing proposals:

- Change (political, economic and regulatory)
- Best practice in clinical care
- Key management advances
- Advances in clinical care
- Maximising revenue, minimising costs
- Recruitment and retention
- Training

Proposals for interesting posters on any care home related topic are welcome (please send a detailed proposal).

There will also be a large exhibition featuring organisations offering products and services to these important sectors. Suppliers who would like to take part in this Exhibition should contact Caroline Bown.

Submitting your proposal

Please send a summary of no more than 500 words, as a Word document, text only, no

images at this stage, by 26th February 2010 to Helena Stroud, email helena@hawkerpublications.com, or by post to **Helena Stroud, National Care Homes Congress, Caring Times, Culvert House, Culvert Road, London SW11 5DH.**

Submissions will be assessed by members of a multi-disciplinary panel convened by *Caring Times* and the *Journal of Dementia Care*.

Applicants will be informed by 19th March, 2010 whether or not their presentation can be included in the programme.

Please include the following information for all authors: name; position and organisation; address; daytime telephone number and email address. If you have any queries please email Helena Stroud at helena@hawkerpublications.com or telephone 020 7720 2108 ext 214.

Any enquiries relating to the exhibition or sponsorship should be directed to Caroline Bown at caroline@hawkerpublications.com or call 020 7720 2108 ext 203

23rd - 24th June

• Make sure you have made a note of the Congress dates 23rd - 24th June in your diary so that you can be sure to attend what has become the leading event for multidisciplinary care staff committed to offering the finest quality care.



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June 23-24, 2010, Birmingham

Why attend?

- Central UK location with easy public transport access and lots of on-site parking
- Packed programme with keynote speakers, parallel

sessions and workshops

- Social activities including Congress buffet dinner
- Huge exhibition
- Superb networking opportunities

Who should attend?

- Managers and deputy managers
- Registered nurses
- Senior care assistants
- Specialist staff including OT's,

physios and activity organisers

- Owners
- Equipment and service suppliers to the long term care sector

Feedback

"A really packed agenda with my team all pleased with the options and content. The pick and mix approach worked well and the various themes were current hot topics." Alistair How, Operations Director, Bupa Care Homes

"I thought the Congress was very good." Martin Green, ECCA

"Everybody has been telling me how excellent the National Care Homes Congress was."

Lucy Sutton, National Policy Lead, National Council for Palliative Care

"Congratulations to you and all your

team for organising such a rewarding Congress in Birmingham." David Perry, Deputy Chairman, European Healthcare

"Thank you for the opportunity to contribute. It was very positive for me." Gareth Chalfont, University of Sheffield

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