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Reading LINK Pilot Community Survey – 11th December 2009

Reading LINK are running a pilot of our Community Survey during December 2009. If you would like to take part, then please do drop in to the Reading Voluntary Action Volunteer Centre, 8 Cross Street, Reading, between 10am-2pm on Friday 11th December. Join us for a mince pie and mulled wine while you complete the survey which should only take about 15 minutes. If you would like to complete the survey via post – please reply to this e-mail providing your name and address and we will post the survey to you.

Carers Rights Day – Drop In Event 4th December 2009 –10am-2pm

Are you a carer? If you provide care or support to a dependent adult or disabled child you are a carer.

Do you know your rights? Go along to the Carers Rights Day Drop In to find out: How to protect your income and pension, Where to get help and support and How to stay healthy (free health checks available).

Friday 4th December 2009, between 10am and 2pm at Greyfriars Church, Friar Street, Reading.

You are invited to go along for a chat, coffee and mince pie. For more information and to discuss travel arrangements please contact Julie Dacombe 0118 937 4013.

Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Membership Newsletter

Find out what is happening in Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust by having a look at their Membership Newsletter, which tells you about what has been happening in the past 6 months.

http://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/store/documents/bhft_membership_newsletter_october_2009.pdf

Berkshire Healthcare Trust would be happy to receive any views, comments, stories or information on mental health in Berkshire which they could feature in the newsletter. Please contact Virginia Robins, Communications Manager by e-mail at virginia.robins@berkshire.nhs.uk

Age Equality In Health and Social Care Consultation – Invitation to respond

In April 2009 the then Secretary of State for Health asked Sir Ian Carruthers and Jan Ormondroyd to lead a review of age discrimination and age equality in health and social care prior to the Equality Bill becoming law. The review's [report](#)

<<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGui>

[dance/DH_107278](#)> was published on 22 October. The Department of Health is now launching a consultation on the review's recommendations and welcomes responses from everyone who wishes to comment.

You can respond on behalf of yourself or an organisation. Responses may be made direct to the age equality team via emailing the response form found on the webpage or through the stakeholder engagement events to be held across England. Details and dates of events will be placed on the consultation webpage

<<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/index.htm>>

Find out more about Reading LINK

If you would like a representative from Reading LINK to come along to one of your group meetings or events or you would like to find out more, please do contact us:

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