

SINEpost

The newsletter of the Somerset Intelligence Network

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1. Changes to SINE Co-ordination

Janine Gamon has been appointed as the new Corporate Research and Information Manager who will lead the new partnership intelligence unit for Somerset key partners. The rest of the unit's 4 staff will be appointed during the summer.

Co-ordination and development of SINE is now being handed over to Janine and her team. The generic SINE email address will remain the same, namely sine@swo.org.uk and will be redirected to Janine and her team from 1st July.

SINE is part of the wider South West Observatory network, and is hosted by the Somerset Strategic Partnership
www.sine.org.uk sine@swo.org.uk

2. New funding for SINE

The region's Local Intelligence Networks (LINs), of which SINE is one, have been allocated new funding as part of an agreement with the Regional Development Agency. The LINs will each be allocated a 'core' fund for participating in the regional observatory network, and additional money could be allocated to LINs who take on extra regional work, such as joint research projects.

The new funding will be for 3 years until 2011/2, and will be coordinated by the South West Observatory Core Unit on behalf of all the LINs in the region.

3. New SINE and South West Observatory websites

A series of new websites powered by EasySite have been launched for the South West Observatory. New sites are up for the Core Unit, as well as the Economy, Planning, Environment and Culture Thematic Modules.

SINE has also launched its new website www.sine.org.uk as a 'micro-site' of the new SWO system, as has the Association of Regional Observatories (ARO).

The new system allows site visitors to search globally for information held throughout the South West Observatory network. If you have suggestions or comments on the sites, please email Andrew Dunne at the SWO Core Unit Andrew.Dunne@swo.org.uk or SINE on sine@swo.org.uk

4. Staff Changes at the SWO Core Unit

Following restructuring there are some staff changes within the SWO Core Unit. New staff members have been appointed to support areas of work such as Local Economic Evidence Assessments, and supporting the LINs in the co-ordination of research across the region.

To see details of the new team with contact details, please go to

<http://www.swo.org.uk/welcome/about-us/core-unit-team/>

5. Managing Performance in a Local Authority Area

A training course, being run by South West Councils is being run on October 20th in Taunton, for local authority officers who need to gain an understanding about strategic performance management and how it can be used to make improvements and influence service delivery. The course will cover training in the following areas

- Performance management tools and the Importance of data quality
- Performance management within a Local Strategic Partnerships and Local Area Agreement context
- National and local performance indicators and the role of the Data Interchange Hub
- An explanation of CPS/CAA and advice about how to prepare

For more information about the course, or to book a place, go to http://www.swcouncils.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=339&tt=swra&eventStatus=list&eventAction=view&eventId=2544

6. Latest Skills and Learning Intelligence Module Newsletter

The latest edition of the South West's Skills and Learning Newsletter is now available from SLIM at:

<http://www.swslim.org.uk/news/swskills/newsletterb.asp?EditionDateID=31>

7. Real Involvement Training

New legislation and statutory guidance to ensure involvement is now an integral part of the NHS. Under these new requirements, NHS Somerset is organising a series of 'Real Involvement' training sessions. The sessions aim to highlight the importance of involving people, the standards expected under the new legislation, and the consequences of failing to involve people.

The training is relevant to non-NHS staff as well, and as such, is being offered more widely. The training is free, and will highlight a range of tools to help officers understand and identify who to involve, when to involve them and how to involve them in a way that is integral to service development and delivery.

For further information please contact Margaret Grizzell, Patient and Public Involvement Lead, NHS Somerset on Margaret.grizzell@somerset.nhs.uk or telephone 01460 260201

8. Updated ONS Indicator Catalogue

The Indicator Catalogue published by Neighborhood Statistics has recently been updated. The catalogue provides a quick lookup of all indicators held on the Neighbourhood Statistics website.

To view and search the catalogue, go to

<http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/Info.do?page=news/newsitems/11-june-2009-updated-indicator-catalogue.htm>

9. Regional Trends 41 now published

Regional Trends issue 41 is now published, and provides a collection of statistics for the Statistical Regions of the UK covering demographic, social, industrial and economic statistics.

To view or download the reports or data go to

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=14356>

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