

## **Invitation to attend a free seminar on the work of the hospital Alcohol Liaison Nurses at Blackpool Victoria Hospital**

A FREE seminar on the work of hospital alcohol liaison specialist nurses is being held for staff and members of the public at Blackpool Victoria Hospital on Monday November 23rd.

The seminar, which takes place at the hospital's Health Professionals Education Centre (HPEC) Lecture Theatre, is being hosted by Jess Wright and Julie Spencer-Bennett who work within Blackpool's hospitals giving advice to patients and visitors about alcohol. The seminar is from 1pm to 2pm.

Attendance and admission rates to acute general hospitals for alcohol-related health problems are escalating and Jess and Julie are now providing a value service by reviewing practices and providing interventions with patients whose admission to hospital is alcohol related.

The majority of the patients referred to the alcohol liaison service have never approached their GP or any alcohol service for help. It may be that many do not perceive the harm they are storing up for themselves or the impact their drinking has on family members.

The alcohol liaison service offers the opportunity for acute hospital patients to be provided with a brief intervention and education on their alcohol use and, for those who need it, the opportunity to be fast-tracked to appropriate community services. The role of the alcohol liaison nurse means patients can be offered health promotion, education and advice on their alcohol consumption. They can also reduce patients' risk of future alcohol-related admissions by discussing the reason for their admission, addressing lifestyle behaviour and choices and giving a direct link to community services to those who need it.

If you are interested in booking a place on this seminar, please contact Stephen Fairman on 01253 303059 or email him at [Stephen.fairman@bfwh.nhs.uk](mailto:Stephen.fairman@bfwh.nhs.uk) .

Please note, there will be a 'Meet your Governors' session taking place immediately following the seminar, from 2-3pm in the HPEC Lecture Theatre. This provides [staff and](#) Trust members with an opportunity to discuss their experience of the Trust with the Governors, and to put forward any suggestions for improving the services provided.

**Caption: Jess Wright and Julie Spencer-Bennett. Alcohol Liaison Nurse Specialists with Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.**

