

ALLIED HEALTH CARE SERVICES NEWSLETTER

Welcome to another edition of the Allied Health Care Services Newsletter. This Newsletter provides additional information about the activities carried out by the Allied Health Directorate. Since summer is about to start we take this opportunity to remind you to avoid prolonged exposure to the sun!



Allied Health Talk in Gozo - April 2016

Allied Health Talks

The Director and Assistant Director have started delivering talks to different entities and departments across Malta and Gozo. Their first visit was to Gozo General Hospital where they received a very warm welcome from the staff present.

Update on CAF (Competence Assessment Framework)

- Both CAF 1 and CAF 2 have now been finalised.
- As a near future initiative, the Directorate is planning to introduce an electronic Competence Assessment Framework portfolio system in order to facilitate the process for Allied Health Professionals in maintaining their professional portfolio.

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Part-time Attachments

A recent initiative has been the Expression of Interest for staff to perform duties as part-time attachments with the Allied Health Care Directorate. A total of seven persons were selected after an interview and they perform between 2 to 5 hours per week each. These persons are assisting the Allied Health Care Directorate with various tasks under the supervision of Director, Ms Joanna Chetcuti.

Some examples of the assigned tasks include:

- Research
- IT issues

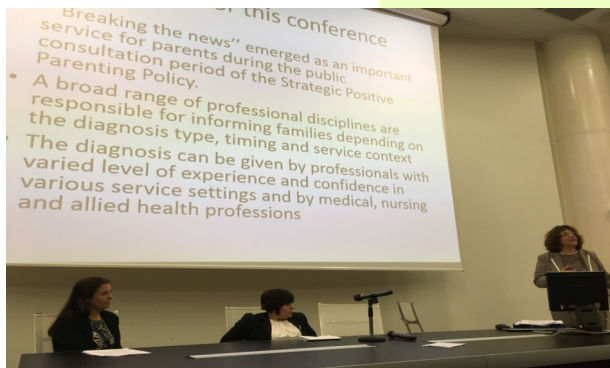
- Newsletter
- Information Booklet
- Leaflets
- eAPEL (accreditation of prior experiential learning)
- CAF (competence assessment framework)
- Databases
- Assisting in Planning and Logistics of Conference
- Team Building Activities

Did you know?.....

Allied Health Care Professions originated after World War II with an explosion of scientific knowledge and increasingly sophisticated and complex medical diagnostic and treatment procedures.

Application for ESF funds submitted

The DAHCS has submitted an ESF application for funds whereby 9 students will pursue their studies abroad. This was brought forward by the need to have more orthotists and prosthetists, orthoptists, optometrists and physiological measurements professionals. DAHCS is awaiting the outcome of this application.



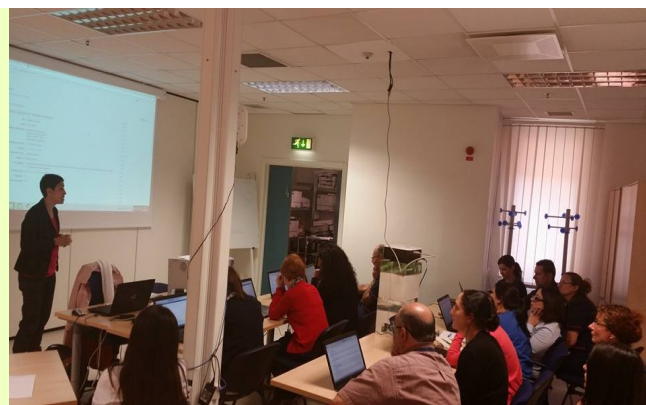
'Breaking the News' Conference

A conference entitled - 'Breaking the News and Supporting Parents faced with a Disability' was organized by the Directorate Allied Health Care Services and the KNPD. This was held on the 6th April. The aim of the seminar was to identify issues Allied Health Professionals are having in such circumstances and to ensure the design of the 'Breaking the News' course addresses these issues.

Breaking the News Conference – April 2016

EBSCO 'Train the Trainer'

Another EBSCO 'Train the Trainer' session was held on the 4th May. More than 30 Health Care Professionals attended these sessions. Their role is to train their colleagues on how to best utilise EBSCO. The directorate would like to take the opportunity to remind colleagues to avail themselves of these very useful resources.



EBSCO - 'Train the Trainers' - May 2016

Health comes first in Waste/Green initiatives

A project initiated by the Ministry for Health has been awarded 'Best Practice in Recycling Category' during a recent award ceremony at the Mediterranean Conference Centre. This project was chosen out of 85 participants including schools, local councils, other government departments and NGOs. Assistant Director, Mr. Shawn Meilak formed part of the organizing committee on this project.

Liaison with MCAST

For the past 2 years, the DAHCS has been working in collaboration with MCAST on Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning of ECG Technicians using an e-Portfolio (eAPEL) system designed by a German company and administered by MCAST. This is the first stage for ECG technicians to acquire an MQF Level 5 Diploma in Physiological Measurements accredited by MCAST. The eAPEL process has been concluded and the course will be opening shortly.

Thank You

Each and every day, Health Professionals make a positive difference in people's lives. May you continue to provide services with compassion and empathy.

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