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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT FOR:

Best Practice and Dementia Care Mapping

Two ½ Day Seminars: Thursday, 19 June 2008

Details of session content and times to be clarified shortly.

Expressions of interest can be made to the SA & NT DTSC on (08) 8372 2177,
at which time contact details will be collected so that further information can be provided.

ELIGIBILITY: Health professionals qualified and/or seeking to be qualified at a tertiary level including nurses, occupational and diversional therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists, social workers, speech pathologists, and students.

WHAT IS DEMENTIA CARE MAPPING?

Dementia Care Mapping (DCM) is a method designed to evaluate quality of care from the perspective of the person with dementia. It is used in formal care settings such as hospitals, care homes and day care. It is based on the philosophy of person centred care, which promotes a holistic approach to care that upholds the personhood of the person with dementia.

The process of using DCM involves briefing staff and clients about DCM in the area to be mapped, observing a number of people with dementia over a period of time and recording information about their experience of care, analysing and interpreting the data and then feeding it back to staff. This information is then used to draw up an action plan to bring about change and improvements.

SPEAKER: As Professor of Dementia Practice and Research, Bradford Dementia Group, University of Bradford, UK, **Prof. Dawn Brooker**, BSc MSc PhD CPsychol (clin) has responsibility for DCM, including research and development of the method, practice of DCM in care settings, the DCM teaching and learning agenda and its international implementation.

Professor Brooker's recent book on Person Centred Dementia Care published in 2007 has redefined and revitalised the meaning of person centred for this section of our community.

VENUE: Alzheimer's Australia SA, 27 Conyngham St, Glenside, SA 5065. On-site parking available.

FEES: No cost to participants. The course is funded by the Australian Government as part of the Dementia Training Study Centres for Health Professionals Project.