

As Christmas approaches, free gift of resources to help nurses working with people in need.



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The Queen's Nursing Institute is offering free resources to nurses who work with homeless people and others without a secure home. The resources have been developed as part of the Institute's Homeless Health Initiative.

Rosemary Cook CBE, Director of the QNI said, "These printed resources have been produced using the collected knowledge and experience of hundreds of community nurses over the past two years. We would encourage any nurse or allied health professional who works with homeless people to take advantage of them."

Kate Tansley, the Homeless Health Initiative's Co-ordinator added, "Unfortunately because of the general economic situation, and the rise in unemployment, many more people may be increasingly vulnerable to losing their home. This has implications for all areas of nursing, including mental health, hospital discharge, school nurses, district nurses and practice nurses. Many of the additional pressures being felt by the NHS at this time of year are related to poor and temporary accommodation. This can include stress, spread of infections, and unnecessary readmissions resulting from inappropriate discharge."

She added, "A huge range of issues are covered in these free publications. We are very keen that this knowledge be shared as widely as possible, promoting best practice in nursing and improving patient care for some of the most vulnerable people in society."

The resource pack is available from the QNI by sending your name and full contact details to Barbara.walsh@qni.org.uk or by calling 020 7549 1400.

Notes to editors

The Institute's Homeless Health Initiative is supported by the Big Lottery Fund over three years to improve the health of vulnerably housed people.

The list of free resources available includes:

'Boosting and Building Better Healthcare for Homeless People' (2009)
'Sharing our stories of Innovation, Learning and Good Practice' (2009)
'Finding the Support You Need' (Diane Tofts, 2009)
'Involving homeless people in their health services' (2008)
Practitioners' Guidance (2008)
Commissioners' Guidance (2008)

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