

## CELEBRATION AS RECORD NUMBERS OF STUDENTS GRADUATE



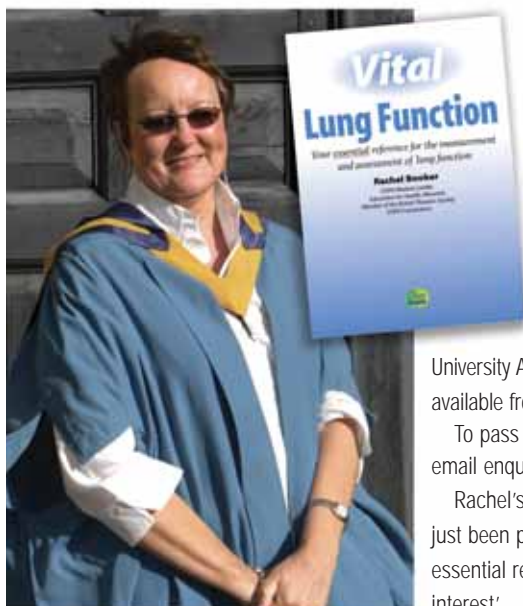
**H**ealth professionals and service developers wishing to act on Lord Darzi's advice to "do more to grasp education as a lever for service improvement" can seek inspiration from any of the 47 health professionals who graduated from Education for Health with Open University qualifications in October.

The students' coursework, and their experiences undertaking it, offer unique insight into why the Charity's work is so powerful, and why Lord Darzi's vision for healthcare education is so fundamental in primary care moving forward.

 View the full story at:

[http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk/pages/about\\_us/press\\_releases\\_news.asp](http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk/pages/about_us/press_releases_news.asp)

## RACHEL BOOKER AWARDED HONORARY MASTER'S DEGREE



**W**e are delighted to announce that former Education for Health Clinical Leader for COPD, Rachel Booker has been awarded an honorary Master's degree by the Open University in recognition of her service to the health professional community and her academic role at Education for Health, an Open University Accredited Institution. The full story is available from [www.educationforhealth.org.uk](http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk)

To pass on your congratulations to Rachel, email [enquiries@educationforhealth.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@educationforhealth.org.uk)

Rachel's new book *Vital Lung Function* has just been published and is described as 'an essential reference for those with a respiratory interest'.

 The book is available at a special discount rate of £15 (includes p&p). More details from <http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk/pages/resources/resources.asp>


## EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR NEW QOF COPD INDICATOR

**A** new QOF indicator for COPD means that:

1. COPD patient reviews must include an assessment of breathlessness using the MRC dyspnoea score.
2. COPD patients receiving inhaled treatment must have their inhaler technique checked.




The new indicator emphasises assessment of severity and delivery of care by a health professional whilst recognising that COPD patients range from being asymptomatic to needing palliative care. Health professionals wishing to develop the necessary competence to achieve the new indicator can improve their knowledge and skills in these areas by undertaking an Education for Health one day COPD Update short course or any of our accredited COPD or Cardio-respiratory modules.

 For more information call or email Nicki Overton on 01926 838969 or [enquiries@educationforhealth.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@educationforhealth.org.uk)

## NEW ACCREDITED DEGREE MODULE: MANAGING LONG-TERM CONDITIONS

**F**ollowing the great success of the Education diploma module in Managing Long Term Conditions, this important new degree module is for health professionals who are working at a strategic level in planning care for people with long-term conditions, and leading care delivery. The new 6-month course, which combines distance learning with 2 study days, is accredited by the Open University and costs £615. It can be accessed as a discrete course or as part of our degree programme in Respiratory Care. Students working in the East Midlands can now access this module free of charge as part of the East Midlands Healthcare Workforce Deanery Learning Beyond Registration programme.

 More information is available from Laura Edwards on 01926 838969 or [enquiries@educationforhealth.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@educationforhealth.org.uk)

## LOCALLY DELIVERED LEARNING: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

An increasing number of nurses are attending our Locally Delivered Learning courses as Education Commissioners realise the benefits that team training brings to service improvement and increasing patient access to services.

For example, one South Central PCT, having completed a training audit, is working with us to rotate training in long-term conditions management, COPD, asthma and CHD in all 3 of its localities over the next 12 months. Another South Central PCT, as part of a move to integrate general practice with community pharmacy, has commissioned bespoke training in inhaler devices, inhaler technique and getting the best from short consultations. We are also delighted to be continuing our work with a North West PCT which, having undertaken analysis of its frequently admitted patients using PARR data, is commissioning training which brings together health professionals along the COPD care pathway to actively reduce admissions.

**i** If you would like to find out more about our Locally Delivered Learning courses or bespoke training please call or email Nina Rawstrone on 01926 836836 or [n.rawstrone@educationforhealth.org.uk](mailto:n.rawstrone@educationforhealth.org.uk)

## MAP OF MEDICINE SUPPORTS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Map of Medicine is an online resource of over 390 pathways developed by clinicians which can be localised to incorporate your local requirements. West Midlands NHS has been one of the early adopters of the Map so we invited Sue Hindle, Care Pathways and Knowledge Manager at the West Midlands Programme for IT, to come and share their experiences.

As well as being an important knowledge resource, the Map can be used to plan professional development if health professionals compare their existing knowledge against the guidelines-based practice advocated in the Map.

Pathways within the Map are updated annually (more if needed) and as the Map incorporates NICE guidelines wherever possible, clinicians can be confident that the information is up-to-date and evidence-based.

**i** Find the Map at [www.mapofmedicine.com](http://www.mapofmedicine.com)

## LODGED FUNDS SERVICE IMPROVES ACCREDITED NURSE EDUCATION

It's the time of year when NHS managers review their budgets and make plans for the next financial year. At these times allocating unspent funds can become a priority. Last year significant numbers of NHS managers took advantage of Education for Health's Lodged Funds Service. By allocating the funds to evidence-based accredited nurse education they were able to draw down on the fund over time, in line with their local health priorities and strategic direction.

**i** More information is available at [http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk/pages/\\_documents/lodgedfundservice2.doc](http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk/pages/_documents/lodgedfundservice2.doc) or by email Nina Rawstrone at [n.rawstrone@educationforhealth.org.uk](mailto:n.rawstrone@educationforhealth.org.uk) or 01926 836836

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP FOR RESPIRATORY TRAINING: BOOK NOW!

AstraZeneca has provided a sponsorship grant for this independent programme. Nurses may be able to claim as much as 85% sponsorship for respiratory training, following recent agreements in education funding arrangements between Education for Health and AstraZeneca. Places will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.

**i** For further information on courses available, and to reserve your place call Laura Edwards on 01926 836832 or [l.edwards@educationforhealth.org.uk](mailto:l.edwards@educationforhealth.org.uk)

## NEW RESPIRATORY EDUCATIONAL SITE LAUNCHED



Education for Health and eGuidelines.co.uk have launched REAL (Respiratory Education and Learning) which is a new educational resource on the management of respiratory disease. REAL is sponsored by Teva and will provide healthcare professionals with:

- information on how respiratory drugs work
- an introduction to self-management plans
- an interactive asthma case study to indicate how well they would handle a specific consultation
- links to expert articles on cutting the cost of asthma care and consensus guidelines on the use of inhaler devices in asthma

The site is also linked to the latest BTS/SIGN guideline on asthma and to relevant Guidelines summaries. It also offers a route to a range of accredited educational modules from Education for Health which allow multidisciplinary teams to deliver measurable health improvements for their patients with asthma.

"This new respiratory educational website paves the way for health professionals to embrace interactive learning. The REAL site offers a fast route from knowledge to practice in real time and so offers immediate benefit to patients" says Education for Health Chief Executive Monica Fletcher.

**i** Find out more at: [www.educationforhealth.org.uk/pages/real.asp](http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk/pages/real.asp) or see <http://real.eguidelines.co.uk>

To get free access to eGuidelines subscribe to the Education for Health e-News at <http://www.educationforhealth.org.uk/subscribe.asp>

## EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CONFERENCE 4 JUNE 2009 "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Making a difference in primary care is the focus of our brand new conference for 2009. The day will feature excellent plenary sessions and hands-on interactive workshops and will focus on how you can make a difference for your primary care patients. The conference is on 4 June 2009 at the Heritage Motor Museum near Banbury and early bird discounts will be announced in the next *BJPCN*. In the meantime make sure it is in your 2009 forward plan!

