



INVITATION

Health Literacies:
Priorities for the
NHSScotland
workforce



National Stakeholder Forum Thursday 21st March 2013: Royal Society of Edinburgh

NHS Education for Scotland (NES), with the support of the National Health Literacy Action Group (NHLAG), has commissioned SMCI Associates to scope the current state of health literacy support and identify development priorities to improve the NHSScotland workforce contribution to Health Literacy.

The NHLAG has adopted the following definition of health literacy:

“the cognitive and social skills which determine the motivation and ability of individuals to gain access to, understand, and use information in ways which promote and maintain good health. Health literacy means more than being able to read pamphlets and successfully make appointments. By improving people's access to health information and their capacity to use it effectively, health literacy is critical to empowerment”.

This scoping work, is designed to identify priorities for organisational and workforce development and education that will have highest impact on health literacy support

This Stakeholder Forum is designed to:

- Share headline findings from the scoping work to date.
- Engage key national stakeholders in considering priorities.
- Inform the report to NES.

Draft Programme

10.00	Registration and coffee/tea	
10.30	Welcome and introduction to the work	Jane Davies and Dr Ann Wales, NES
10.40	Headline findings so far	Dr Sheila Inglis, SMCIA
10.55	Introduction to the groupwork	
11.00	Groupwork to consider priorities	
12.00	Plenary	
12.30	Lunch and networking	

To register for this event, please email sheila@smciassociates.com, as soon as possible providing your name, job title and organisation.