Summary of project and achievements

Linking learning and health

Using grant money from Glasgow City Council’s adult literacy fund, an action research project linking health professionals and learning providers is underway in the East of Glasgow. The project is funded until March 2006 as part of the Scottish Executive’s commitment to improving literacies levels in Scotland.

Based on similar projects in England co-ordinated by the National Institute for Adult & Continuing Education (NIACE) learning advisors are placed in health care settings. Health professionals can refer patients to the learning advisors who then explore a range of learning options. Ongoing support to get started with some form of learning is provided by the learning advisors who are aware of local provision including such things as childcare and financial help.

The project is concentrating on literacies learning and is targeting people who might never have thought of going on a course or attending a workshop.

There are plans to roll out to another location during 2005.