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Sarah Chipperfield With students Tom Foulstone Hannah Beswick

# MfH project

Launched by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy in 2009 Will run up until the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

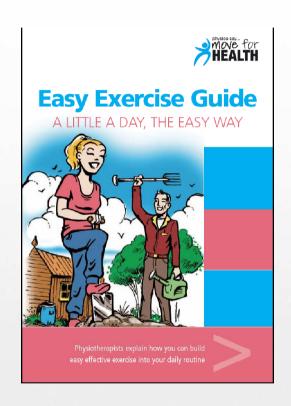
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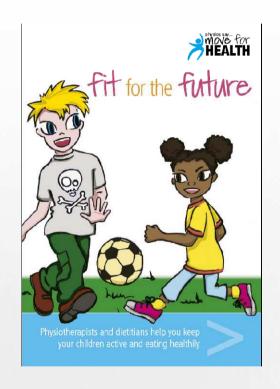
Aims to highlight the contribution physiotherapy makes to the prevention of illness and the promotion of healthy lifestyles, particularly through enabling PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

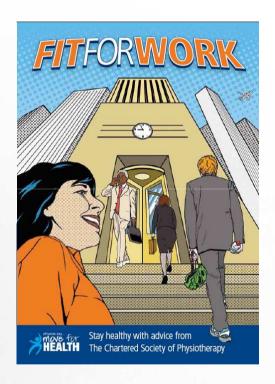




# MFH Campaign











# MFH Campaign - still to come

- Fit for work (2010)
  - Leaflet for manual workers

 Toolkit for employers to support physical activity at work

- Older people (2010-11)
  - Active ageing leaflet
- Olympic Games & MFH (2010+)





# MFH Champions

- 152 Champions
- 27 Student Champions
- Champions reference group
- Champions News
- MFH Champions Conference!
  Public health learning and support
  for Champions fulfilling their role





# Physiotherapy Perceptions

Interactive Websites Focus Groups across the UK

## Findings:

- Definitely a role for PT in public health agenda unsure what that looks like in practice
- Varied understanding of what public health means
- Blurring of professional boundaries



Well v ill population – what is role of the Physio?

# Public Perceptions

63% said they don't do enough exercise

20 % exercise one a month or less

13% know how much exercise they need to do each day

56% think the amount of recommended exercise is less than it actually is

53% would take more regular exercise if they could fit it into their daily routine



Source: www.csp.org.uk/moveforhealth

# MfH Project – How can students get involved?

- Become a MFH Champion!
- Promote Physiotherapy & Public Health resources to HEI colleagues and clinical colleagues
- Promote health within University student and staff community
- Involved with health promotion initiatives to promote the role of physiotherapy within health promotion



# The Leeds Abbey Dashers





# The Leeds Abbey Dashers

- •Involved student MfH champions Tom Foulstone and Hannah Beswick
- Liaison with MfH academic champion and the CSP
- Potential for large scale local publicity
- Local newspaper involvement
- Promotional t-shirts worn
- Promotional literature distributed





# Challenges for champions!

- Keen champions, but hard trying to get all three years to meet
- Students often on placement so unable to participate in university or community activities
- Publicity! How to get people interested?
- Financial



## Future Plans?

- Health promotion in schools Healthy Schools Days
- Ballroom dancing classes
- Continuing publicity during charity events
- Events involving the student union, possible involvement with freshers' induction week



## For more information...

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