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GHA "Learning In Action" Programme for Managers

Participants in the GHA "Learning In Action" programme will present their achievements attained during the programme to the Minister for Health, the Chief Executive and other senior GHA Managers on the 9th and 10th October. This dynamic programme commissioned by the GHA was specially designed by the Durham Business School to meet the needs of managers working within the GHA.

Forty participants commenced the course in March 2007 in two groups. It is an accredited programme which, on completion, will award successful candidates with a certificate in management from the Chartered Management Institute. The focus of the programme was intended to be highly practical, designed around GHA work practices and competencies, in which participants were required to complete work between each module which required them to put into practice the skills that they had learned and therefore they provided great benefit to their departments.

The participants will present a portion of their work in two groups. The first group will present between 2:00pm and 5:00pm on Thursday 9th October and the second group on Friday 10th October. The presentations are an integral part of the programme, enabling participants to practice the techniques developed in the presentation skills component of their work.

The Minister for Health, Yvette Del Agua said "I am delighted that the GHA has been able to support so many staff in completing this innovative and dynamic programme. The course has been very challenging and has required significant dedication and commitment from all participants. I congratulate all of them on the attainment of the certificate in management".

"In addition to assisting in the development of their presentation skills, this will afford the opportunity for others across the GHA to learn about the innovative work that has been undertaken, and to understand the content and structure of the programme" said Dr David McCutcheon the GHA Chief Executive.

Bill Snaith, Director of the University of Durham's Management Development Centre "It has been a tremendous privilege working so closely with the GHA on this programme. The initial design was very professional involving all interested parties. The participants have exceeded our expectations. The quality of the reports they have written as part of this programme is higher than we had anticipated and some

very busy professionals have given up their time to achieve changes in working practices and an award they more than deserve.

Jane Walker Director of Programmes, Durham Business School added “the attendance of the Minister, the Chief Executive and other senior managers shows continuing support of their endeavours and I know the presentations will show the positive changes that they have made.”

Notes for press

Time can be made available for photographic opportunities or filming part of the presentation by prior arrangement with the Chief Executive’s office.