

The 2006 ANSA Conference:
 “Innovations in Joint Working: What’s on the Horizon?”

The 22nd ANSA Conference was held at Chester College University 20th-22nd September 2006 and the areas covered in conference were the role of the nurse, criminal justice, service user involvement, alcohol, learning disabilities and substance misuse, primary care, aftercare and DIP.

Despite those minor troubles that are found in organising any conference general feedback was encouraging and supportive.

The conference committee would like to pledge that the following concerns highlighted will result in changes being implemented in time for the next ANSA conference in 2007:

Conference Feedback	ANSA Response
‘Directions to venue poor’	Clear, precise directions to be provided to conference venue.
‘Low number of participants’	ANSA is aware of the difficulties gaining funding to attend the ANSA conference, and will continue to increase awareness with relevant others. ANSA will increase public relations over the next year and this will result in increased numbers.
‘Delegates attending the conference for the first time feeling a little isolated’	Roving microphones for questions to be introduced, with delegates stating names, and workplace prior to question to increase awareness of participants. To identify first time attendees and members of the ANSA executive to buddy up.
‘Accommodation poor, need two pillows please’	2 pillows to be requested from Chester College.
‘No more disco, keep the quiz.’	The ANSA conference will now take place over a period of two days, with conference dinner and quiz continuing.
‘Chairs unable to read biographies of some speakers’	All biographies to be obtained and typed up before conference.

On behalf of the ANSA membership The National Executive Committee
 Thank you for your conference feedback.

For further information on this conference or our 2007 event please feel free to contact the Conference Organiser: s.mcmanus@ansauk.org