

THE BRIEFING

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Dear Networkers,

The final of Top Team 2006 is moving closer on the 10th November 2006. The Shortlisting Panel met last week to review over 40 teams that had entered this year's competition. The overall standard of the submissions was good however, the Panel has shortlisted the following teams for the final:

The teams are in alphabetical order:

Avon Fire and Rescue: Youth Development Centre

As well as responding to 999 calls, the service is working to prevent emergencies happening. The team has put together programmes to ensure that its work reaches every child and meets their different needs, and changes the lives of young people in the community.

Banbridge Community Health Village, Co Down, Northern Ireland

The team is developing the first Community Health Village in Northern Ireland, from the closure of a former hospital. A range of service providers purchased the site in 2005, and planning and construction has been ongoing ever since.

'Leicestershire CareOnLine'

Part of Leicestershire County Council, Adult Social Care Services, 'CareOnLine' is an integral part of the Council's e-government service. It was created by the

Council in recognition that many of the population of people over 65, disabled or acting as unpaid carers did not have access to service information in their homes.

Knowsley Works Team

The Knowsley Works Team has an innovative approach to solutions to worklessness in the community. The team had to target the hardest to help five groups in order to achieve the desired effect on the employment rate. The team complement the values of the Council, one of which aims to improve peoples lives.

Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Trust

A story of how the Service Improvement Team at Peterborough achieved success by applying an unconventional team approach to implement change.

The team's ethos is creating a positive climate to engineer change by promoting involvement from staff, patients and carers to identify opportunities and overcome barriers and resistance.

Wakefield MDC Procurement Team

The Strategic Procurement Team at Wakefield Council consists of nine officers with strong experience, skills and expertise; all contribute to achieving successful outcomes in all the projects that the team is engaged in.

They believe that strategic procurement can be an enabler in improving quality of services to citizens.

The finals of the competition will take place on 10 November 2006 at Kensington Town Hall, London.

Anyone wishing to attend the event apart from the finalists should contact:

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