

## **NISCC Participation Group Update August 2009**

We are continuing to look at the NISCC's long term plans to see where we as a group can add value to the individual pieces of work that each section in the organisation will undertake in the coming year. As part of this we have been looking at specific areas of work such as:

- Communication- how we get the message about the work NISCC does out to service users and carers. We have developed ideas of how NISCC might better communicate to service users, carers and the general public. We will be sharing these with the Communications team shortly and will feedback on progress in the coming months;
- Consultation on the Post Registration Training and Learning Strategy - As a group we agreed that we could have added value to the process of gathering feedback from the consultation. This would have included helping with the drawing up of a discussion document that may have been more appealing to a wider range of people.
- Understanding Needs of Children in Northern Ireland (UNOCINI) Assessment Framework- we learnt how children's needs are assessed and the paperwork that is used to do this.

A number of our members have represented the group at events and meetings including the Parent/Carer Council in the Southern area, planning meetings for the joint RQIA/SCIE and NISCC user/carer yearly event and the launch of the Northern Ireland Care Home Partnership research project.