

News Release



Registered Charity Number: 1103210

For immediate release: Tuesday 12th August 2008

PO Box 8955, Nottingham, NG10 9AU

Tel: 0845 120 3778

Email: office@ocduk.org

OCD Educational Support for Children and Young People

OCD-UK are delighted to announce that, in July, the charity for people with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder were awarded a grant from 'Awards for All', a lottery grants scheme funded by the National Lottery. The grant will allow OCD-UK to create, produce, print and distribute a series of OCD education and awareness information booklets for specific target audiences. Children and parents who are sufferers or affected by Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) need information tailored for their specific needs and age of understanding, and to date there is no such information easily and readily available for these groups. These are:

- Young children with OCD (aged 6-11)
- Young people with OCD (aged 11-18)
- Parents / teachers of children with OCD.

The booklets will be completed and made available free of charge to the public and health authorities over the next 12 months.

Listed amongst the top 10 most debilitating illnesses by the World Health Organisation in terms of loss of income and decreased quality of life, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder is thought to affect 2-3% of the UK population.

OCD-UK chief-executive, Ashley Fulwood, commented *"We are delighted that 'Awards for All' recognise the importance of this project and how specifically tailored information will make a real difference to young people and their families"*. Ashley went on to say *"I would also like to mention that these booklets have only been made possible through the dedication and commitment of a team of volunteers, all of whom have been affected by the illness themselves and have already given up hundreds of hours between them to make this project a vision, which we can now see through to completion due to the award of this grant"*.

For further information and support please visit OCD-UK www.ocduk.org or telephone 0845 120 3778.

Ends

Note to editors:

OCD-UK is the leading national charity, independently working with and for people with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) .

OCD-UK aims to improve awareness of the condition both amongst the general public and within the medical community, with the long term aim of campaigning to ensure that every sufferer receives the quality of treatment they deserve. They also facilitate a safe environment for people affected by OCD to communicate with each other and provide mutual understanding and support.

For further information about the charity's work and OCD, call our media team on 0779 321 1263 or go to <http://www.ocduk.org>