



### **New Initiative for Service Users their Friends & Families**

**One Key Recommendation of “A Vision for Change”, is that a National Service User Executive should be established to inform the National Mental Health Service Directorate and the Mental Health Commission on issues relating to user involvement and participation in: “Planning, delivering, monitoring and evaluating services including models of best practice and to develop and implement best practice guidelines”**

**We cannot hope to influence change without help from those who actually use, have used or come into contact with mental health services in their daily lives. We need people who really know what their local service is like to join in and tell us what they think needs to improve.**

**We would like to hear about good experiences too, so that we can start to get good changes accepted. We also need people who are willing to become involved themselves, put their own views, and become active representatives for NSUE, so that real experiences will direct the changes that we want to see.**

**The NSUE will hold elections, during the summer of 2009, for nominations to the National board. Those elected to the Executive will serve an initial three year term, after which they may again stand for re-election.**

**Those elected will represent the interests of service users, their family and friends in their region, while feeding into the National Executive to develop and support change in mental health services throughout the country from an inclusive perspective.**

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