



## Wessex ACPIN Funding for Courses Policy

Wessex ACPIN will provide funding to individuals for courses according to the following criteria:

- 1) The Wessex ACPIN bank balance must not fall below £500. If funds are low then funding will not be allocated that year.
- 2) A set amount will be set aside twice yearly in May and October. This year the total amount is **£500** - £250 will be allocated in May 2010 and £250 in October 2010.
- 3) This amount will be divided proportionately between the first applicants to apply up to a maximum of five. A *maximum* of 75% of the total course fee will be issued to any individual, although this will be dependent on the number of applicants.
- 4) The course must enhance the individuals physiotherapy skills in managing neurological patients.
- 5) The individual must have been an ACPIN member for at least two years and be a current member of Wessex ACPIN.
- 6) Applications can be for academic study (MSc or PhD) or for conferences, courses or congresses.
- 7) A judge independent of ACPIN has been appointed by the Wessex ACPIN committee to oversee the allocation of funds.
- 8) It would be expected that the individuals who receive an award would contribute to part of Wessex ACPINs programme. This could be done in a variety of ways – for example by giving an evening lecture, writing a piece for Synapse, or offering to help with the organisation of a course or evening lecture.
- 9) Applications for funding may be submitted to the Chair of Wessex ACPIN at any time during the year and funding will be allocated in May and October of that year.
- 10) Payment of the agreed amount will be given on production of a receipt of the course to the Chair.
- 11) If the course is not attended by the individual (dependent on circumstances) a full refund to Wessex ACPIN is expected.