Invitation to test an assessment tool and influence the delivery of safe and compassionate learning disability services in inpatient settings.

As part of the work on the ‘national compassion into practice programme for action area 5 (ensuring we have the right staff with the right skills in the right place) Learning Disabilities’, a workstream Project Group was created to investigate the numbers of learning disability nurses needed in a range of health care settings to ensure the delivery of safe and compassionate nursing care.

A review of literature (B Gates and K Mafuba) in this area identified a series of factors that impact on the delivery of safe and compassionate care (based on best available evidence). This evidence is being used to develop an audit tool to measure compliance with these factors that can be used locally as a self-assessment tool and potentially peer review to measure the context of care delivery in learning disability ***inpatient settings***. NB a separate review will consider the applicability within community based settings.

A vital stage of the development of any tool is the testing and re-testing phases involving Learning Disability Nurse Practitioners and Leaders in informing the final content and checking usability.

To do this, a workshop is being held on 24th July 2014 at The University of West London, Paragon House, Rm PH110 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. Spaces are limited, so please register your interest in attending this workshop by emailing:

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Your contribution is essential and highly valued in this project work.

Best regards

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