**Queries from Members**

**Repairing a ‘Burnett Vacuum Bath Support’**

Anonymous query

Are there any care providers or support workers out there who know of anyone who has had a ‘Burnett Vacuum Bath Support’ repaired and if so how was it repaired and was it successful?

My son has used one for the past two years with great success but it has been accidentally damaged and there is now a minute hole in the covering which stops it from working.

Although my son also has a shower he gets a great deal of pleasure from having a bath, (a tilting model with warm air hydro) and he cannot use it without the bath support which moulds to his body and stops him from slipping under the water.

The company who manufactured the bath support say there is no repair pack available and that we will need to purchase a new product............it cost my son in excess of £400 and I am shocked that they do not offer a repair for such an expensive piece of equipment. Does anyone know where I could go for advice on this?

**MENOPAUSE AND WOMEN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

From Lucy Murray email: lucymurray202@btinternet.com

 Hi. Does anyone have any experience with or know of any research around the effects of menopause on females with learning disabilities and limited communication?

 Any advice will be gratefully received.

1. From Debbie Tate email: Debbie.Tate@pavpub.com

Please see the attached link to Pavilion Publishing's website. You may find our training pack - Supporting Women with Learning Disabilities through the Menopause, of interest. www.pavpub.com/supporting-women-with-learning-disabilities-through-the-menopause/

 It is on offer at £19.95. The illustrated, DVD pack provides a comprehensive introduction to the physical, emotional, psychological and social effects of the menopause and how it might differently affect women with learning disabilities to those in the general population. This resource provides materials for both service users, and their carers to inform, advise and encourage women with learning disabilities to cope better with what can be a distressing transition.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information. debbie.tate@pavpub.com

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2. From Gary Aldridge email: Gary.Aldridge@choicesupport.org.uk

Try the Tizard Centre University of KentPERSONAL HYGIENE RESOURCE

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From Paul Purcell email: paulpurcell1970@gmail.com

Hi All,

Does anyone have a Personal Hygiene Programme / Resource that they can share?

Regards, Paul

1. From Janet Cobb e-mail: jcobb@learningdisabilities.org.uk

Attached Paul from archives, may be useful?

Intimate Personal Care policy <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/ipcp.pdf>

Personal Care policy <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/pcpo.pdf>

2. From Carrie Shield email: Carrie.Shield@wales.nhs.uk

Here is a link to great site <http://www.songsforyourbody.co.uk/index.html?song=1>

There is 'The Washing Song' on the left side tab that maybe helpful for you to use?

Can I be include in any further replies please :)

3. From Siobhan Moore email: siobhanmoore60@hotmail.com

Could I be included in this as well? I am working with a group of young people and I am looking for resources. Thanks

**DIETARY INFORMATION SUITABLE FOR LD**

From Naomi Burke email: naomiburke16@hotmail.com

Dear All,

I am looking into extra, current dietary information available suitable and understandable for people with LD and/or their carers. I would truly appreciate any information you may have that is available to share and that may possibly be put onto the British Dietetic Association Mental Health Group website. Information on all aspects of diet and health is welcome e.g. healthy eating, renal, heart health, nutrition support, enteral feeding, gastro etc. You can also use the following email: naomiburke16@hotmail.com

Kind Regards

Naomi Burke Dietitian
Mill Road Therapy Centre

Email: Naomi.burke@acecic.nhs.uk Email: Naomi.burke1@nhs.net

1. From Janet Cobb e-mail: jcobb@learningdisabilities.org.uk

Hi Naomi

have you looked at The Caroline Walker Trust information

<http://www.cwt.org.uk/publications.html#ewld>

2. From Tracy Reed email: Tracy.Reed@southseftonccg.nhs.uk

Hello Naomi,

Please see attached information.

Obesity easy read guide <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/erh.pdf>

Bowel Screening Easy Read Information <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/bser.pdf>

Breast screening easy read <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/brer.pdf>

Tooth decay easy read <http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/tder.pdf>

There is also [www.easyhealth.org.uk](http://www.easyhealth.org.uk) which is a website for easy read information and also [www.easy-read-online.co.uk](http://www.easy-read-online.co.uk) that may also be useful.

Kind regards, Tracy Reed - Primary Healthcare Facilitator, Learning Disabilities

**RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUALITY PROGRAMME**

From Paul Purcell email: paulpurcell1970@gmail.com

Hi All,

I am a new participant in this network and I am wondering if anyone has Relationship and Sexuality Programmes that they are willing to share. At the organisation where I work we are trying to develop a programme from Introduction - Self Confidence / Esteem - Our bodies - Sexuality etc.

I'd also be grateful for details on any supports that (1). A person participating in the programme could avail of and what we can do to support the person; (2). Supports for families; and (3) Supports for staff as they implement and work with participants both inside and outside of such a programme.

Regards, Paul

1. From Simon Lawrence email: SimonLawrence@asdan.org.uk

Hi Paul,

ASDAN Education have a Sex & Relationships Education short course programme which can be used to accredit up to 60 hours of activity aimed at increasing young people's awareness of, and confidence to deal with, issues surrounding relationships, personal skills and sexual health.

<http://www.asdan.org.uk/Award_Programmes/SRE>

There are also some modules titled 'Knowing about myself' and 'Relationships' within the Towards Independence framework of modules.

<http://www.asdan.org.uk/Award_Programmes/Towards_Independence>

Hope this helps.

Kind regards Simon

**LD COMMUNITY NURSING MODELS**

From Daniel Turner email: Daniel.Turner@sutton.gov.uk

Dear Colleagues,

I am new to community learning disability nursing. Do people have community LD nursing models they follow?

If anyone has any community models they use in practice and could send me a copy would be great. Any help is welcome.

Kind regards,

Daniel Turner

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**REFERRAL CRITERIA FOR AN INTEGRATED LD SERVICE**

From Tom McGuire email: tom.mcguire@nhs.net

I would be grateful if anyone has examples of referral criteria for an integrated (health and social care) learning disability service please.

Many thanks,

Tom