

Health Checks and Health Audits for People with Learning Disabilities



We are starting two new programmes of work on improving the health of people with learning disabilities.

Health Checks

So far, we have published on our website (www.ihal.org.uk):

- information on the uptake of health checks in England in 2008/9 and 2009/10;
- a systematic review of evidence of the impact of health checks in improving the health & well-being of people with learning disabilities.

We are now beginning some work on how people locally could improve and evaluate the uptake and effectiveness of health checks. We want to share good practice and, from this, publish guidelines for commissioners and local practitioners later this year.

Health Audit & Monitoring

We have recently published a summary of what we know about the health inequalities faced by people with learning disabilities. We are now beginning some work on how local areas could best monitor or audit the health needs of local

people with learning disabilities. Again, we want to share good practice and, from this, publish guidelines for commissioners and local practitioners later this year.

Getting Involved

Some of this work will take place in the six areas we have partnered with: Calderdale, Cornwall, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Sheffield and Westminster.

We are also very keen to hear from people in other areas who have an interest in or experience of either of these areas. Much of our work will be done by web-based discussion groups.

To register your interest in this work, go to our website <http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/talk> and join either or both of the discussion groups on *Health Checks* and/or *Local Health Evaluation and Audit*. If you have not done so, you will need to register as a user of the website (but that is very easy).

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