

## CAMHS and learning disabilities eBulletin

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Welcome to the monthly Learning Disabilities eBulletin produced by the national Child and Maternal Health Observatory (ChiMat) in partnership with the National CAMHS Support Service (NCSS).

This eBulletin highlights the latest resources relating to children and young people with learning disabilities which have been added to the [mental health and psychological wellbeing knowledge hub](#) in the last month.

This email includes a summary and link to each resource below.  
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### CAMHS LD Network News

#### **CAMHS and learning disabilities network eDiscussion forum... coming soon**

To support networking and learning among members of the CAMHS and learning disabilities network, we will soon be launching an eDiscussion forum. Working with the Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych), this new eDiscussion forum will help you share information, ask questions and network with colleagues. It will compliment this monthly network eBulletin. Look out for further announcements here.

### In the news

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#### **NHS Evidence: learning disabilities. Monthly evidence bulletin (March 2010)**

A mix of learning disabilities evidence, with extended summaries about hand-held records and information about financial decision making, as well as the latest reviews and studies from all of the important databases and journals.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=89376>

#### **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) knowledge questionnaire for healthcare professionals**

Could healthcare professionals take ten minutes to complete this questionnaire. Requested by Dr

Raja Mukherjee, Consultant Psychiatrist for people with learning disabilities, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/healthcare\\_professionals](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/healthcare_professionals)  
<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=89515>

### **Valuing people now: Learning Disabilities Confidential Inquiry and Public Health Observatory - announcement of contract awards 23rd March 2010**

Valuing People Now made commitments to undertake a Confidential Inquiry (CI) and an associated Public Health Observatory (PHO). The department of health announced on 23rd March 2010 the award of contracts to the Norah Fry Research Centre to establish the CI and the North East Public Health Observatory to run the PHO.  
<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=89568>

### **Coming together: Spring 2010 newsletter**

In response to Canada's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Canadian Association on Community Living (CACL) has assembled a newsletter with information for families on what this means to them. There are several resources identified in this newsletter which are of use to work with people with disabilities and issues pertinent to those with intellectual disabilities.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=89595>

### **New Aiming High for Disabled Children Monthly E Bulletin**

The Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC) programme has recently launched a monthly e-bulletin. The bulletin includes the latest developments from the AHDC programme and the most relevant news on government policy, consultations, events and publications. You'll be interested in this if you work with or for disabled children and their families. The AHDC monthly e-bulletin will be sent straight to your inbox, so if you would like more information or to sign up, please email your job title, organisation and contact details to [ahdc.implementation@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ahdc.implementation@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk)

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=89648>

### **BBC: Autism link with migrant parents**

Migration from certain parts of the world can increase the risk of a child having autism, a study has suggested

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=90645>

### **BJOG: Antihypertensive drugs in pregnancy and ADHD in childhood**

A study published in BJOG hypothesises that the common drugs used to treat hypertension in pregnancy may have an effect on child functional development.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=90911>

### **Community Care: Ministry of Justice to take control of Youth Justice Board**

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) and youth justice policy will become the sole responsibility of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) under the new government, Community Care has learned. In a move that has sparked concern among prison reformers, the YJB will no longer be jointly sponsored by the Department for Education (DfE) – formerly the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) – and the MoJ.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91272>

### **NHS Evidence: learning disabilities Monthly evidence bulletin (April 2010)**

This month focuses the extended summaries on mental health services, community residential placements for adults with learning disabilities and also forensic issues, including offenders with learning disabilities. It highlights and publishes studies from 40 journals under the collection's headings for you to browse and explore further at source if you wish.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91483>

### **NCSS compiling a directory of training courses and resources. Your help requested**

The National CAMHS Support Service (NCSS) is undertaking a piece of work to identify training courses and resources aimed at meeting the needs of those who work with children and young people with mental health/emotional wellbeing needs and learning disabilities/ behavioural emotional or social difficulties.

If you are aware of any training provision aimed at supporting any of the professions within this

multi agency workforce to meet the needs of children and young people with mental health needs and learning disabilities/behavioural emotional or social difficulties it would be very helpful if you could **please click on the link and answer the questionnaire**.

Responses before the end of June 2010 would be appreciated to enable NCSS to compile a directory in early July 2010. Your help is much appreciated.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91558>

### **NHS Choices: Can a urine test diagnose autism?**

"A simple test that would revolutionise the diagnosis of autism is being developed by British scientists," the Daily Mail reported. The test would need just a few drops of urine, and is based on the idea that people with autism have different bacteria in their guts from those without autism. This Behind the Headlines report examines the evidence behind this article.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91575>

### **Ministry of Justice takes sole responsibility for youth justice**

YJB: The Ministry of Justice has taken sole responsibility for youth justice. Previously, the policy area was split between the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Education.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91580>

## **Guides and Practice**

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### **Inequalities sensitive practice initiative maternity pathways: women with learning disabilities**

The Inequalities Sensitive Practice Initiative (ISPI) was active from April 2006-March 2009. It was established to test out and hone ways of developing practice that is sensitive to the impact of inequalities. Funded by the Scottish Government, the initiative has resulted in key learning which can help NHSGGC improve 'frontline' practice and how these changes can be brought about and sustained. ISPI has been able to demonstrate how a sustainable change in practice can be achieved across four settings - addictions; maternity; children's services; and primary care mental health.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91279>

### **Sex and relationships for young people with learning disabilities**

A series of five sexual health booklets in easy words and pictures aimed at young people with learning disabilities. The content was chosen based on what people told the CHANGE project was missing. The booklets cover Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexuals relationships, Safe Sex and Contraception, Sex and Masturbation, Sexual Abuse, Friendship and Relationships.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91499>

### **Your defence in the courts: an essential guide**

An easy to read pocket guide to your defence in court. Produced by the Legal Services Commission (LSC) which works in partnership with solicitors and not-for-profit organisations to provide information, advice and legal representation to people in need.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91570>

### **You need a solicitor: guide**

An easy to read guide explaining the role of a solicitor and how to find one. Produced by the Legal Services Commission (LSC) which works in partnership with solicitors and not-for-profit organisations to provide information, advice and legal representation to people in need.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91571>

### **Legal Services Commission (LSC): Training and guidance materials**

A range of easy to read guides to support those needing advice and legal representation. Produced by the Legal Services Commission (LSC) which works in partnership with solicitors and not-for-profit organisations to provide information, advice and legal representation to people in need.

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## Reports

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### **Inclusive education: emergent solutions**

A worldwide revolution is occurring in education of learners experiencing disabilities. The Special Education model is being replaced by Inclusive Education, educating all learners together in the regular classrooms of community schools. Inclusive Education is not simply a new way to educate students who differ in ability, hearing, vision, behaviour, or body. It is based in sweeping change of how we regard people experiencing disability and their right to full participation in society. ... This book presents snapshots of the struggle of educational change as seven nations respond to this new human rights understanding of how education and disability should intersect. In various ways and at different levels, each is experiencing the tension and excitement, which always accompany change.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91274>

### **Talking about sex and relationships: the views of young people with learning disabilities. The final report of the sexuality project by CHANGE 2007-2010**

The Sex and Relationships project was a 3-year project by CHANGE, a national organisation that fights for the rights of people with learning disabilities. The project found out about the views and experiences of young people with learning disabilities about sex and relationships.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91497>

## Research

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### **Psychometric profile of children with auditory processing disorder and children with dyslexia**

Objective The aim was to address the controversy that exists over the extent to which auditory processing disorder (APD) is a separate diagnostic category with a distinctive psychometric profile, rather than a reflection of a more general learning disability.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=90827>

### **Fetal Alcohol Forum research e-letter (May 2010 issue)**

A medical e-letter that publishes the latest FASD (foetal alcohol spectrum disorders) research articles for doctors, scientists, health professionals and others.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91270>

### **Understanding and treating offenders with learning disabilities: a review of recent developments**

A summary of a review of recent developments in the literature on offenders with learning disabilities.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91494>

### **Offenders with intellectual disability: characteristics, prevalence, and issues in forensic assessment**

Although the problem of people with disabilities as victims of crime has been well recognized, the known characteristics of people with intellectual disabilities (ID) also make them vulnerable to becoming perpetrators of crimes. Most such crimes are minor, but the 2002 Atkins v. Virginia decision called national attention to people with ID and people with dual diagnoses who commit capital crimes. This article reviews the data on offenders with intellectual and dual disabilities and the challenges related to their diagnoses and their roles in the criminal justice system.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91495>

### **'It's what happens when you're ready to leave hospital that's really important' - commissioning secure services for people with learning disabilities**

This article describes a process undertaken to develop a set of commissioning principles to support the commissioning of secure learning disability services across England. The principles, shaped around the 11 competencies laid down in the World Class Commissioning competencies framework (Department of Health, 2008a), were produced following a scoping exercise that looked at provision and commissioning of secure learning disability services within each strategic health authority (SHA) area in England. Specific details were collected about types of services

provided, including detailed service specification, quality indicators, how these (specialist) services link with local services (secure and non secure) and cost of services. Information collected about commissioning concentrated on strategic vision, practical commissioning arrangements, how the quality of services was monitored, how access to services was controlled and how 'secure' service users are reintegrated back into local (non secure) services and communities. This scoping exercise was augmented by qualitative data obtained from interview with a group of former service users. Themes generated through the interviews were integrated within the general guidance. A quality assurance framework based on the World Class Commissioning Competencies is proposed, against which specialist and local commissioners can benchmark their current commissioning arrangements.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91496>

### **Ethical review and children's research in Ireland. The National Children's Strategy Research Series**

The main aim of this research is to provide an overview of the current mechanisms for applying for and achieving ethics approval for studies being undertaken with children in Ireland.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91546>

## **Tools and data**

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### **Youth crime down but number of children in prison 'too high'**

The number of offences committed by 10 to 17-year-olds in England and Wales fell by 12% last year, while first-time offences for under-18s fell by 21%, according to latest Youth Justice Board figures. The Youth Justice Board's Annual Workload Data, also revealed a small reduction in the number of children given custodial sentences, from 6,853 in 2007-08 to 6,720 in 2008-09.

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91576>

## **Events**

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For details of these and many other events see the [Calendar of Events](#) on the ChiMat website

### **Childhood Epilepsy Parents and Families Conference 2010**

The National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy (NCYPE) is proud to host their third national conference for the parents and families of children and young people with epilepsy. The event is designed to provide information and support for mums, dads and siblings of the 60,000 under 18s across the UK living with epilepsy as well as the young people themselves.

Location: Manchester

Start date: Saturday, 3rd July 2010

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=90343>

### **Complex families: multisystemic solutions**

The conference is aimed at all those who are seeking evidence based, cost effective solutions to working with challenging young people and their families, including: policy makers, commissioners within local authorities and PCTs, senior managers and practitioners within local authority Children's Services, Youth Offending Services, CAMHS, Adult Mental Health, Substance Misuse Services, third sector organisations, those with responsibility for community safety and researchers in this field.

Location: National

Start date: Wednesday, 7th July 2010

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=90660>

### **Complex families: multisystemic solutions - booking form**

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Location: National

Start date: Wednesday, 7th July 2010

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=90662>

### **Autistic Spectrum (webautism)**

This distance learning course is designed to provide you with a broad understanding of the autism spectrum disorder, including Asperger syndrome. The course aims to prepare you as practitioners or parents for meeting the needs of individuals with autism in a variety of settings such as in the home, classroom, college, day service or residential environments.

Location: Web based

Start date: Wednesday, 1st September 2010

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91276>

### **Mental health needs of children and young people with learning disabilities**

A three-day course on working with children and young people with learning disabilities and mental health needs.

Location: Bradford

Start date: Monday, 8th November 2010

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91545>

### **The power of knowledge: integrating research, policy and promising practice around the world. Fourth international conference on fetal spectrum alcohol disorder**

Our understanding of FASD is entering a period of rapid expansion and change, dramatically increasing our comprehension of the breadth and depth of the global impact of this lifelong disability. This 4th International conference will provide an advanced forum for emerging and cutting edge research, policy and practice that will assist governments, service systems, service providers, parents and caregivers, as we strive to address the complex issues of FASD. This new knowledge will be an impetus for critical action in supporting women, individuals, families, and communities around the world.

Location: Vancouver, Canada

Start date: Wednesday, 2nd March 2011

<http://www.chimat.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=91573>

## **ChiMat eBulletins**

Working with partners, ChiMat produce a number of eBulletins to keep you up to date:

- ChiMat knowledge update on children's, young people's and maternal health
- Mental health and psychological wellbeing
- CAMHS and learning disabilities
- Perinatal and Infant Mental Health

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