

## Health Stones 12

UK Health and Learning Disability Network

For information, queries and to contribute to FPLD health stones contact

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Please copy me into any replies.

Thanks

Janet

### 1. Case load weighting tools

I have been asked to look into case load weighting tools (do teams use them? if they are useful or not, could they be useful to us as a team? If so how? How could they be implemented into practice? And what different models are out there? And the models strengths and weaknesses?

*Chloe Gavin*

*Student Nurse*

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### See attached from archives

Janet

[Case load prioritisation](#)

[Case load weighting tool](#)

[Case load management](#)

### 2. Suctioning and training

Hello

I am a community Learning Disability (Adult) nurse working in Hertfordshire.

As Community nurses we are aware of the increased complex cases requiring or might need oral suctioning specifically in the client group of those with profound multiple needs, there are also complex cases from the children service coming into Adult service and those discharged from Acute setting.

We have just started a project group on Oral Cavity Suction and training I am trying to get feedback from similar groups to determine how other nurses are trained in this area, and the type of support and difficulties they may encounter.

*Dorma Dinnall*

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### 3. Houdini harness alternatives

Anonymous query please reply to [janet@jan-net.co.uk](mailto:janet@jan-net.co.uk)

Does anyone know of any alternatives for a Houdini harness? We have a referral for a man who uses a Houdini harness in the car however he is able to get out of the harness in a matter of seconds if he chooses. Does anyone know of any alternatives we could try to enable this young man to travel safely in a car?

*Transition Co-ordinator*

#### 4. Easy read information on lower leg oedema

I am currently a Specialist Practice post graduation nursing student in learning disabilities with the University of Ulster and would like to join your forum if possible. I am also looking for easy read information in the area of lower leg oedema, as I am currently trying to develop an information resource in this area for people with learning disabilities. Thank You

*Ian McKnight*

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#### 5. Risk and dependency support tool

We have had the attached tool in use with variable success for nearly five years. It is not always well used and I'm interested in whether there are any other more user friendly tools out there. What does your organisation use?

[Risk and dependency support tool](#)

*Sandra Webb*

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#### 6. Review of international evidence on restraint.

The Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB), the body which oversees the youth justice system in England and Wales, would like to invite you to consider taking part in a review of international evidence on restraint

We have recently commissioned an independent research team from Caring Solutions Ltd. and the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to undertake a review of evidence on restraint techniques employed within institutional settings, which do not rely upon or permit pain induction. The aims of the review are to: identify and review non-pain inducing restraint techniques currently employed across a broad range of settings and countries; and to assess their potential application to the youth custodial setting in England and Wales.

As an important part of this work, UCLan are conducting an online survey which will be used to capture information on techniques currently employed in settings across different countries. Respondents are also provided an opportunity to volunteer to take part in telephone interviews at a later date.

The YJB would like to invite you, a professional or expert who works in an environment where restraint techniques are employed, to kindly consider completing the survey.

The survey should take no more than **15 minutes** to complete, and we would be very grateful for views by **13<sup>th</sup> June 2014**.

To take part, please complete the survey at the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AReviewofNon-PainInducingMethodsofRestraint>.

The value of this study will be greatly enriched by the number of people who respond so please feel free to share the survey link with others who you feel may be able to contribute.

Please note that participation in this survey is completely voluntary. Any information collected will be treated in the strictest confidence and stored in password protected/encrypted computer files, and in accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998). The data will be used for research purposes only and your name and other personal details will not be used in reporting any research findings.

**7. How local learning disability communities rate themselves The Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self-Assessment Framework**

The Learning Disabilities Observatory, part of Public Health England has today published the first detailed report of the Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self-Assessment Framework (JHSCSAF) that aims to provide accurate data about how local services are working together to tackle the needs of people with learning disabilities and the health and social care services available to support them across England.

On a national level, this information will support action that improves outcomes from people with learning disabilities and their families. On a local level, information collected will help Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authorities identify the key issues they need to tackle to reduce health and social care inequalities in their area. The framework also provides a robust way to benchmark services and monitor progress made locally.

Findings of the self-assessment ratings, made by Partnership Board areas, focus around 9 indicators each in the three key areas of staying healthy, being safe and living well.

Keep reading <http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/news/>

The JHSCSAF can be downloaded from:

[www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/projects/hscldsaf](http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/projects/hscldsaf)

**8. Winterbourne Joint Improvement Programme resource hub**

[http://www.local.gov.uk/place-i-call-home/-/journal\\_content/56/10180/6020374/ARTICLE](http://www.local.gov.uk/place-i-call-home/-/journal_content/56/10180/6020374/ARTICLE)

**9. Infographic: Transition arrangements for young people with complex health needs from children's to adult services**

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/infographic-transition-arrangements-young-people-complex-health-needs-children%E2%80%99s-adult?>

**10. CAF Free guide to claiming Disability Living Allowance for children now available**

<http://www.cafamily.org.uk/news-and-media/free-guide-to-claiming-disability-living-allowance-for-children-available-from-0808-808-3555/>

**11. Improving eye health and reducing sight loss – A 'Call to Action'**

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/qual-clin-lead/calltoaction/eye-cta/>

**12. Challenges facing small acute NHS hospitals**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/challenges-facing-small-acute-nhs-hospitals>

**13. Patient and Family-Centred Care toolkit**

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/pfcc>

**14. New tool to give people with mental illness better care for their physical health**

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/06/13/lester-tool/>

**15. Delivering better oral health: an evidence-based toolkit for prevention**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/delivering-better-oral-health-an-evidence-based-toolkit-for-prevention>

- 16. It's time to end top-down reform of the NHS**  
<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/time-end-top-down-reform-nhs>
- 17. The NHS is a world beating health service – and a stunningly cost effective health care provider**  
<http://www.taxresearch.org.uk/Blog/2014/06/17/the-nhs-is-a-world-beating-health-service-and-a-stunningly-cost-effective-health-care-provider/>
- 18. Here is the final version of our A&E information leaflet.**  
Happy for anyone to adapt it but now I know about copyright please acknowledge where it came from.  
[A&E information leaflet](#)  
*Sadie Dunne*  
*Lead Nurse Learning Disabilities*  
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- 19. Eliminating forced, coercive and otherwise involuntary sterilization**  
An interagency statement  
[http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/gender\\_rights/eliminating-forced-sterilization/en/](http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/gender_rights/eliminating-forced-sterilization/en/)
- 20. Disabled and Behind Bars**  
Nikki Fox investigates disability in British prisons, asking former inmates, officials and the Government whether disabled criminals are often punished more severely than others.  
[http://www.alfimedia.com/index.php?section=1344&page=6485&dm\\_i=47L,2GWMH,26JNEA,93APP,1](http://www.alfimedia.com/index.php?section=1344&page=6485&dm_i=47L,2GWMH,26JNEA,93APP,1)
- 21. LD Nurse Research page set up by Professor Ruth Northway**  
Please get involved in the discussions on here and promote the site to students, practitioners and colleagues.  
If you fancy writing a blog get in touch with Ruth on  
[Ruth.Northway@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:Ruth.Northway@southwales.ac.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LDNurseresearch/>
- 22. CQC appoints Heads of Adult Social Care Inspections**  
<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/cqc-appoints-heads-adult-social-care-inspections>
- 23. Disabled children TAC Bulletin June 2014**  
<http://www.teamaroundthechild.com/bulletin/index.html>
- 24. Kent Autistic Trust Vacancy: Positive Behavioural Support Manager Advertisement**
- 25. NORTH EAST LONDON NHS Foundation Trust Vacancy Senior Community Physiotherapist - Adults with Learning Disabilities**  
A vacancy has become available within the Redbridge Community Learning Disability Team. The team works with those service users living within the Redbridge area in their own homes in addition to health premises undertaking physiotherapy to treat a multitude of disabilities and illness's If ... (further details on NHS jobs website).  
Salary: £25,783 to £34,530 pa + HCAS  
Posted: 16/06/2014  
Job Type: Permanent

Closing Date: 29/06/2014  
Staff Group: Additional Clinical Services  
Job Ref: 395-0059ADN

Regards,  
*Mahendra Nath Gorantla*  
*Sr LD Community Physiotherapist*  
*Redbridge Adult LD Team*

**26. NOTTINGHAM & OXFORD IHaL events: Increasing the number and quality of Annual Health Checks for People with Learning Disabilities**

These free events are designed to give participants the knowledge and tools to increase the number and quality of health checks in their area and to explore the implications of the new Enhanced Service.

We will be launching the 2013/14 health check data at this event, reporting on recent research and showcasing examples of local good practice.

These events are aimed at commissioners, GPs, Practice Managers and staff, primary care liaison nurses/health facilitators, specialist learning disability teams and others who are interested in health checks.

These events will be held on:

- 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Nottingham
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 in Oxford

For further information and to register for a place please visit

<http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/events/>

**27. BRADFORD FREE Epilepsy Awareness and Your Community - Dissemination Conference - Bradford 4th July**

Epilepsy Society is pleased to invite you to our regional conference on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** in Bradford to hear about our tailored self-management programme for patients with epilepsy, their families and carers, and our new patient forums.

[Flyer](#)

[Programme](#)

[Booking form](#)

*About the conference*

Friday 4 July

Midland Hotel, Bradford

9.30am until 2pm, including refreshments and a buffet lunch.

Free to attend – booking essential

*About our project*

This conference is part of our Department of Health-funded three-year project to raise awareness about epilepsy amongst hard to reach groups in north and east London. In these communities there is often a stigma surrounding epilepsy, coupled with little understanding or take-up of medical services, which results in poor management and emergency hospital admissions. Our project has introduced workshops amongst community and health groups to raise awareness, reduce fear and stigma, and to encourage access to local services. We have created a tailored self-management programme and a service user forum for people with epilepsy, and run stakeholder meetings in each of the six boroughs that help understand local needs. We have also produced new videos - 'All about epilepsy' – to help raise levels of awareness and understanding around the condition. The videos have been

dubbed into Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Somali, Turkish and Urdu. Throughout the project we have engaged with clinicians and health organisations, such as Clinical Commissioning Groups and Healthwatch. This conference is just one of three regional dissemination conferences we are running, which will be followed by a report to the Department of Health on local needs and recommendations for service improvements.

Read more about our project [here](#)

To attend the conference please register using the attached booking form by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

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## **28. EST Partnership Ltd**

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<http://www.est-pcp.com/>

We provide bespoke training, mentoring, coaching in:

- Person Centred Planning
- Person Centred Thinking
- Person Centred Risk Assessment
- Person Centred Reviews
- Working Together For Change
- Local Area Coordination
- Person Centred Teamwork
- Making Information Tess Ellis Accessible
- Support planning for people with PHBs and PBs

