

Health Stones

UK Health and Learning Disability Network

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Please copy me into any replies.

Thanks

Janet

1. A place I call home: Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme

<http://www.local.gov.uk/place-i-call-home>

An essential part of delivering quality support and the best outcomes for people with a LD, MH and Autism is to ensure that workers across health, social care and education continue the development of their skills and knowledge.

Workforce development has been identified as one of the Winterbourne View Improvement programme priorities and I have been asked to develop a professional awareness subset / special interest group from the *UK health and Learning Disability network* with a specific focus on the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme.

The purpose of this specific network is to utilise existing LD & Autism networks to develop professional awareness and professional with a specific focus on applying best practice in the application of legal frameworks and developing an applied awareness of any changes including case law within the MHA and MCA for people with a LD, Autism and Behaviour that challenges.

Expected membership will be people who regularly work with people with Autism, LD and MH in their professional functions across health and social care in all settings, including AMPHs.

Can anyone interested in joining this network mail me ASAP.

Please make sure your organisations lead in delivering the local Winterbourne Programme plan and the delivery of the Autism Strategy is included.

Also be mindful that the Winterbourne Joint Improvement Programme is all age and would welcome inclusion of Children and Young People Workers.

Thanks

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2. LD Nurse research

I am in the process of writing a report for the UK Strengthening the Commitment Steering Group regarding progress in relation to the recommendations concerning research. To assist me with this it would be really helpful to hear your views as to what you feel is needed to develop LD nursing research further. What do you feel this group and the blog can do to help in this process? All views welcome!

Professor Ruth Northway

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3. Primary Care Liaison Nurses

I am a primary care liaison nurse within County Durham I am really keen to speak with my counter parts around the country to share ideas and challenges.

Due to this being a new role in Durham I am also interested in impact of the role for patients and primary care staff, so I would really welcome any input. I hope to set up regional meetings to discuss the above and share nationally in whatever format would be useful i.e. conference/ newsletter etc. However I would really value your thoughts and ideas... or please tell me if this already exists!

Please contact me on the telephone number or email address below.

Thank You & Kind Regards Kaydii Inglis (RNLD)

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4. **Physical health, mental health and intellectual disability**
<http://bma.org.uk/working-for-change/doctors-in-the-nhs/mental-health-parity-report>
5. **Centre for Mental Health report sets out 'Keys to Diversion' for people with multiple needs**
http://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/news/2014_keys_to_diversion.aspx
6. **United Response Positive Behaviour Support and Active Support**
Essential elements for achieving real change in services for people whose behaviour is described as challenging
http://www.unitedresponse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Final-UR_BestPractive-PBS_AS.pdf
7. **United Response Transforming Care: New referral checklist – our approach to supporting people to move from Assessment and Treatment Units or Long Stay Institutions to their local community**
http://www.unitedresponse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Final-UR_New-CB-Service-Referral-Checklist.pdf
8. **Adult safeguarding for housing staff**
http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/guides/guide53/local-authority/index.asp?dm_i=4O5,2FK66,6QGEDN,8UA4A,1
9. **NAS Transition from secondary school**
<http://www.autism.org.uk/living-with-autism/education-and-transition/transition-from-school-to-adult-life.aspx>
10. **HEALTH CHARTER FOR PROVIDERS SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**
<http://www.vodg.org.uk/health-charter/health-charter-home.html>
11. **Driving up Quality in Adult Social Care: Quality Assurance briefings**
<http://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/Latest/Resource/?cid=9407>
12. **Choice Support successful in bid for quality champion scheme**
We have just been awarded the Southwark Innovation Fund to establish an independent quality champion scheme that covers all user groups across the borough. The fund amounts to £188K over three years. The scheme will be co-produced with one full time project co-ordinator working alongside three part time co-ordinators who have experience of using services. The aim is to develop a robust community quality champion programme that will recruit and train thirty people who have experience of using services. The scheme is innovative as all checks are carried out by vulnerable people who have experience of support services.

This scheme will provide real employment opportunities for people supported in the borough of Southwark. Quality champions will challenge stereotypes about people with a wide range of disabilities and will enhance the work of Southwark Council. This is a truly independent user led quality auditing system, with cross provider support. It is hoped the scheme could lead to the establishment of a social enterprise once the funding finishes.

Our experience of developing the Quality Checkers and Experts by Experience meant that our Involvement Team have a wealth of experience and knowledge about how to best engage marginalised groups. This has proved an invaluable advantage for the award of this fund. Thomas Doukas, the Involvement Team Leader will manage this project.

For more information contact [Thomas Doukas](#).

Find out more about our other successful projects [Quality Checkers](#) and [Experts by Experience](#).

See more at: <http://www.choicesupport.org.uk/index.php/news/216-successful-in-bid-for-quality-champion-scheme#sthash.2ZtpxZ5Y.dpuf>

13. Matthew's book

Tony and Tricia Prosser, Matthew's parents, the key professionals working with Matthew and I have put together an interactive e-book about Matthew and his care needs. We think this could be of interest to other families and to professional staff working with people with learning disabilities. More information at:

<http://designforcare.wordpress.com/projects/matthews-book-2/>

14. TAC News Bulletin

<http://www.teamaroundthechild.com/bulletin/index.html>

15. Care and Support Jargon Buster

The Care and Support Jargon Buster is a plain English guide to the most commonly used social care words and phrases and what they mean. The definitions were developed and tested by a steering group that included people who use services, carers, representatives from local authorities, information providers and key stakeholders from across the social care sector.

The Care and Support Jargon Buster won a Plain English Campaign Award in 2013.

<http://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/Browse/Informationandadvice/CareandSupportJargonBuster/>

16. Opportunities at SCIE

<http://www.scie.org.uk/opportunities/index.asp>

17. MANCHESTER ADOS2 TRAINING

<http://www.ados2training.co.uk/>

18. GLASGOW NAS Understanding and managing challenging behaviour, 10 June 2014

The programme of this conference, organised by The National Autistic Society, will discuss the causes of anxiety for people with autism and the types of behaviour which can be used to express this anxiety.

As well as keynote presentations discussing approaches to supporting the behaviour and looking at sleep difficulties that people on the spectrum face, the conference will feature

three seminar streams: Adult services, Family support and School support. They will focus on issues such as physical restraint, challenging behaviour in schools, using

sensory understanding for classroom intervention and support, toileting issues and communication challenges.

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/behaviour2014

19. MANCHESTER Autism and mental health conference, 17 June 2014

This conference, organised by The National Autistic Society, will give you the tools and strategies you need to identify and provide targeted support for children and adults with an ASD who have mental health difficulties. Our keynote presentation will look at the complex relationship between autism and mental health, discussing why differential diagnosis and treatment may be necessary in these cases.

There are three different streams to choose from. The first stream will look at diagnostic challenges where there are overlapping or similar presentations, including anxiety disorder and OCD. Our second stream will discuss how to adapt therapies and interventions to make them appropriate for people with autism. The third stream will address how to support and help with mental health difficulties for young people in school environments, to avoid issues reaching a crisis point.

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/mentalhealth2014

20. Autism, relationships and puberty, 9 July 2014, Nottingham

For people with autism negotiating the 'minefield' of more intimate relationships can be much harder, and the support of professionals, parents and carers can be crucial. This conference, organised by The National Autistic Society, will give you tools and strategies to use at home, in the classroom or in other learning environments so that you can offer information and support, and help people with autism to make the right choices for them. As well as keynote presentations discussing inappropriate behaviour and viewing relationships from both male and female perspectives, the conference will feature interactive seminars focused on key issues such as health, puberty, awareness and identity.

<http://www.autism.org.uk/conferences/relationships2014>

21. KENT & MEDWAY Addressing Health Inequalities Event 18th June 2014

[Kent and Medway Learning Disability Community of Practice](http://www.kent.gov.uk/learning-disability-community-of-practice)

Chatham Maritime, United Kingdom

<http://kentliveswell.wordpress.com/2014/05/01/addressing-health-inequalities-event-18th-june-2014/>

22. MILTON KEYNES Social History of Learning Disability (SHLD) Conference 2014

Exploring Positive Practice in Learning Disability: Past and Present 14th and 15th July 2014, The Open University, Milton Keynes

We are delighted to announce that the next Social History of Learning Disability Conference will be held at the Open University in Milton Keynes on 14th and 15th July 2014.

The theme of the conference is 'Exploring Positive Practice in Learning Disability: Past and Present'. Please see the attached Programme for more information.

Our keynote speakers are Bill Mumford, CEO of MacIntyre Care and Director of the Winterbourne View Review Programme; and Sue Ledger, Sue Thorp, Lindy Shufflebotham and Jane Abraham – an inclusive team whose pioneering research featured in the DH's Good Practice Project.

For details of how to register please click on link below -

<http://www.open.ac.uk/health-and-social-care/main/research/research-events/shld-conference-2014>