

Conference for Learning Disabilities specialists  
13th February 2009  
Pavilion Conference Centre  
Moor Lane, Perry Barr, Birmingham B6 7AA



## Tip of the iceberg - Rising to the challenge of developing person centred specialist services

A one-day conference hosted by Birmingham's Learning Disability Service, part of South Birmingham Primary Care Trust's Provider Organisation, in partnership with Birmingham City University.

This will be an important opportunity for commissioners and providers of Learning Disability services to see how Birmingham has developed local speciality services which will help commissioners meet the challenges presented by the latest Mansell report. These challenges are:

- Develop specialist services to help families and carers meet the needs of people with challenging behaviour.
- Commission individualised local solutions which prevent placement breakdown and use of out of county placements.
- Demonstrate value for money
- Ensure the needs of individuals, as identified in Valuing People (Rights, inclusion, independence and choice) are met.

The event will be opened and chaired by Dr. Ashok Roy, Lead consultant for Birmingham Learning Disability Services, and there will be a range of workshops showing how the service supports people with challenging behaviour.

Rob Greig, Chief Executive of the National Development Team (NDT), will also be delivering his vision of how to tackle challenging behaviour within a community based service. Prior to joining the NDT in May 2008 Rob spent six and a half years as the Government's National Director for Learning Disabilities.

Birmingham has made great strides in delivering a service which treats people with challenging behaviours with dignity and believes this is the time that it should be sharing its expertise with others – so please join us.

**Full programme and booking form inside**

## The Programme

- 09.30 Coffee and registration
- 10.00 Introduction from Conference Chair - Dr Ashok Roy  
Lead consultant for Birmingham Learning Disability Services
- 10.30 Keynote Speaker - Rob Greig  
Chief Executive, National Development Team
- 11.15 Morning coffee
- 11.30 Workshops
- Helping people get a life – The role of the Supported Living Outreach Team  
Martin Ayres Clinical Nurse Manager Supported Living Outreach team
  - Exotic communication – The role of functional communication training in low arousal techniques  
Karen Bamford Clinical Lead for Speech and Language Therapy
  - Challenging behaviour training for South East Asian family carers  
Sabia Azmi Clinical Psychologist
  - Working with learning disabled offenders in the community  
Carl Benton Clinical Nurse Manager Community Forensic Team
  - Successfully providing community assessment and treatment  
Rachel Cooke Clinical Lead for Birmingham Community Assessment and Treatment Team
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Challenging Behaviour – Putting right what we got so wrong  
Shirley Mallon Lead Commissioner for service redesign, Birmingham
- 14.15 Workshops repeated
- 15.15 Afternoon tea
- 15.30 An organisational approach to reducing physical interventions  
Andy MacDonnell Chief Executive Studio Three Systems
- 16.30 Conference close



# South Birmingham Primary Care Trust Provider Organisation

South Birmingham PCT's Provider Organisation is one of the largest in the country, with a £150m turnover. The organisation delivers a broad range of services across the community. From health visitors and community nurses to speech & language therapists and physiotherapists, staff have a long tradition in delivering services directly in people's homes or from community-based clinics.

[Birmingham's Learning Disabilities Service](#) forms part of the Provider Organisation. Examples of some of the services offered across the city for people with learning disabilities are featured below.

## [Supported Living Outreach Team](#)

A consultancy service with 24 hour crisis support for people with learning disabilities with complex challenging needs living in ordinary housing with care provided by nominated domiciliary care agencies. The team provides a variety of interventions that supports those people, to choose their home, their care provider, and their staff, as well as meeting all the clinical requirements the provider will need to be able to safely support people, and maintain them in their own home.

## [Birmingham Community Assessment and Treatment Team](#)

This service provides in-patient services to people with learning disabilities detained under the Mental Health Act, as well as community and day assessment services for people needing assessment and treatment, but who would benefit from receiving this in an alternative way to being admitted as an in-patient.

## [Speech & Language Therapy](#)

A service that provides assessment and interventions for people with a learning disability, who have a communication difficulty; have eating and drinking difficulties, or who have complex behaviours. The team also provides advice and consultation to carers as well as training and coaching.

## [Occupational Therapy](#)

A service that provides a consultation service as well as assessment and interventions with those who require it. They offer interventions for people with learning disabilities who want to improve their independent living skills, or who require the help to develop a specific skill. They also support people in the area of engagement, to assist them to become more involved in activities or increase their skills to be more involved in their current environment.