

Overview and rationale

The learning disability nursing workforce has decreased in recent years, whilst there has been an increase in the amount of people with learning disabilities (PWLD), and the complexity of their health and social care needs. Learning disability (LD) nurses have always been central to the care of PWLD and valued highly by them and their families and carers. The values underpinning LD nursing has led to co-produced care, tailored to the individual, with family, carer and multi agency input. It is important to invest in this specialised area of care, to ensure these skills are valued and nurtured in the future. Strategic workforce planning and modernisation of the role was highlighted as key in the *Strengthening the Commitment* UK modernising learning disability nurse review (2012). Implementing the recommendations will ensure a strong vibrant learning disability nursing profession. Developing strong leadership throughout the learning disability workforce, by creating a national network across private and public services. This includes a new academic group to highlight best practice guidelines specifically for PWLD. Our shared objective is to see the health and care system get to grips with past failings, by listening to this very vulnerable group of people and their families. Working collaboratively meeting their needs and working together to commission the range of support, which will enable them to lead fulfilling and safe lives in their communities as highlighted in the *Transforming care the national response to Winterbourne View Hospital: final report* (2012). This model includes the 6Cs and the six action areas that learning disability nurses need to address to deliver high quality, compassionate care and improve health care outcomes.

Making this happen for all, learning disability nurses need to take the lead in the developing the culture of compassionate care especially within these 6 Action areas:

