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# Bridging the gap

**Contemporary issues in meeting the mental health needs of people with learning disabilities**

**Date:**

Thursday 16 October 2008

**Venue:**

ORT House Conference Centre, London NW1



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## Contemporary issues in meeting the mental health needs of people with learning disabilities

### About the conference

This is the first annual conference of *Advances in Mental Health and Learning Disabilities*. The Journal aims to support professionals in delivering high-quality and evidence-based practice to people with learning disabilities who have additional mental health needs, and provides a forum for the debate of current issues and opinions.

This conference will highlight the pressing needs of people who tend to fall through the gaps between services. These include people with a history of offending behaviour, people with borderline intellectual functioning and people with autistic spectrum disorders.

The day will provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the issues, set them in a policy context and to debate appropriate service responses.

### Who should attend?

- Commissioners
- Social workers
- Managers
- Clinicians and therapists

### Aims of the conference

At the end of the conference, delegates should have a clearer understanding of:

- the needs of those who are at risk of falling between services
- current policy initiatives
- what needs to be done to make policy become reality.

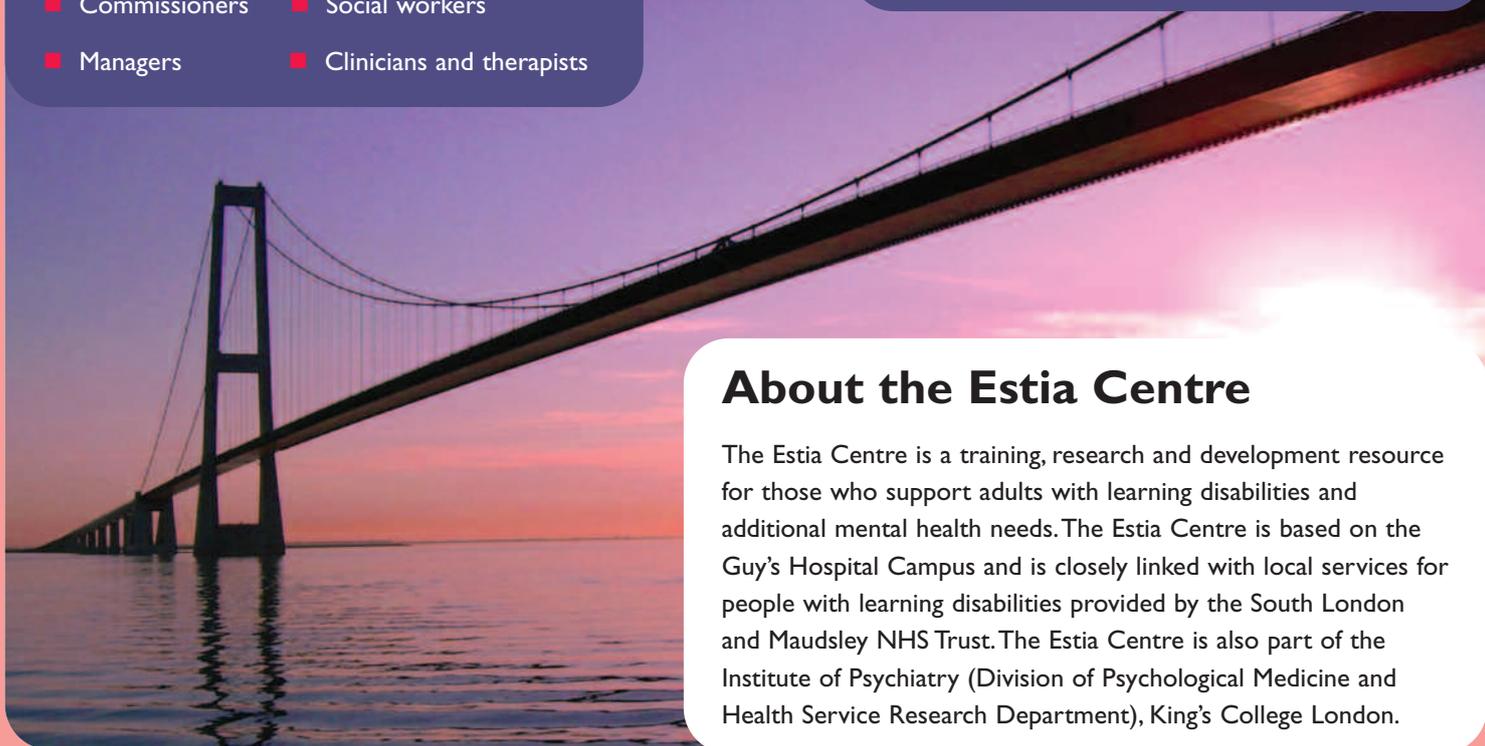
### Key themes

The conference will explore:

- meeting the needs of people who tend to fall between services
- working in partnership
- putting policy into practice.

### About the Estia Centre

The Estia Centre is a training, research and development resource for those who support adults with learning disabilities and additional mental health needs. The Estia Centre is based on the Guy's Hospital Campus and is closely linked with local services for people with learning disabilities provided by the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust. The Estia Centre is also part of the Institute of Psychiatry (Division of Psychological Medicine and Health Service Research Department), King's College London.



# Programme

9.30am Registration

10.00am **Welcome and introduction from the chair**  
**Dr Jean O'Hara** *Consultant Psychiatrist and Clinical Director, Estia Centre*

10.10am **The policy context**  
**Debra Moore** *Debra Moore Associates*

10.40am **Out of area placements: the tip of the iceberg**  
**Professor Dave Allen** *Visiting Professor, University of Glamorgan*

11.10am Refreshments

11.30am **Meeting the mental health needs of offenders with learning disabilities**  
**Professor Tony Holland** *Chair in Learning Disabilities, Section of Developmental Psychiatry, University of Cambridge*

12.00noon **Carer perspective**  
To be confirmed

12.15pm **Panel discussion**

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm **Chair for the afternoon session**  
To be confirmed

1.40pm **What services are needed?**  
**Dr Stuart Cumella** *Senior Lecturer in Developmental Disability Policy, University of Birmingham*

2.10pm **Borderline intellectual functioning and learning disabilities; is there a fit?**  
**Dr Angela Hassiotis** *Senior Lecturer in Intellectual Disabilities, University College London*

2.40pm Refreshments

3.00pm **Mental health needs of people with autism spectrum disorders**  
**Dr Jane McCarthy** *Consultant Psychiatrist, Estia Centre*

3.30pm **The mental health needs of adolescents with learning disability**  
**Dr Sarah Bernard** *Consultant Psychiatrist, South London and Maudsley*

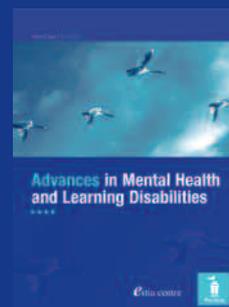
4.00pm **Panel discussion**

4.20pm **Chair's summary of the day**

4.30pm Close

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