

Invitation to NATIONAL LEARNING DISABILITY CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL ABUSE – BREAKING THE SILENCE

“How can you help me if you don’t know what happened to me?”

23rd NOVEMBER, Mary Ward House, London

Co-Chaired by

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and

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BACKGROUND

A national policy imperative for mental health services is that:

- *after staff training*, all service users should be asked about past and current abuse in mental health assessments;
- *following disclosures*, survivors of abuse should receive timely and appropriate care and support;

The focus of the one day training is child sexual abuse - the form of abuse that staff are least confident in addressing not least because they have had little or no prior training to do so.

Whilst this policy is a ‘has to’ for Learning Disability Services delivered by mental health provider trusts, it’s potential applicability goes far beyond this sector.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To consult delegates on tailoring routine enquiry of abuse in assessments specifically for adults with learning disabilities (*draft revisions on routine enquiry and related staff training course will be circulated prior to the Conference*). Liz Mayne, National Lead, Implementation of Violence and Abuse Policy will give an overview of violence and abuse policy and the current national implementation process.

- To highlight and debate diverse approaches to trauma related therapies for adults with learning disabilities. **Dr Roger Banks**, Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatry will give an overview of principles and practice and **Valerie Sinason**, President of the Institute of Psychotherapy and Disability will focus on the impact of sexual trauma on a child and an adult.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops will take place on both these objectives and the voice of clients represented by a screening of **Jake’s Justice**, a powerful film about the abuse of a man with learning disabilities in a care home.

TARGETED AUDIENCE:

- Clinicians / professionals working in Learning Disability Services
- Voluntary sector learning disability organisations
- Health & Social Care Learning Disability Partnerships
- Safeguarding Leads

FEE:

This event is **FREE**

BOOKINGS:

Places can be booked either by posting completed form to the address indicated or by visiting our website www.nmhd.org.uk (National Events Section)

For more information and enquiries, please contact marketeta.simonova@nmhd.org.uk or call 0207 972 4455

Monday 23rd November 2009

9.30am Registration and Coffee
10am Start
4.30pm Close

This is first come first served basis registration so book early to avoid disappointment. Prior to the conference, we will be sending detailed Conference Programme and draft revisions for establishing routine enquiry of abuse in learning disability services

Fee:

No booking fees apply.

You will receive lunch, refreshments and delegate pack on the day.

To book a place:

Paper booking form

A booking form is enclosed. Please make sure that you complete all requested fields including any special dietary, access or other requirements. Once completed, please post the form to

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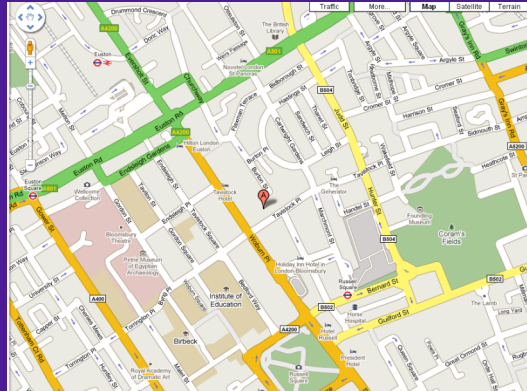
Online

You can also book online by visiting our website www.nhmhdu.org.uk (under National Events section).

Venue:

The conference takes place at Mary Ward House, 5-7 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SN.

This venue is right in the heart of Bloomsbury, London. This is within minutes walk of each of Euston, Kings Cross and Russell Square stations, with direct links to Heathrow Airport. Please note that there are only 14 free car parking places onsite and the venue is within the London Congestions Charge area.



Enquiries:

If you have any queries about the seminar, please contact

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**Please return this form by
Monday 16th November 2009 latest**

YOUR DETAILS:

(please complete a separate form per delegate)

Title*: _____

First name*: _____

Surname*: _____

Job title*: _____

Department*: _____

Organisation*: _____

Work address*: _____

Postcode*: _____

Email*: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Please specify any dietary requirements:

Other special requirements (eg.disabled access):

Confirmation of Registration:

All registrations will be confirmed in writing or via email. Please make sure that you enter your email address correctly. A map of the venue will be sent with confirmation of your booking.