



## Older People with Learning Disability and Dementia, 9 April 2008 Armagh City Hotel, Armagh

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Cost per delegate - **£115**

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### Conference office:

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A one-day conference on dementia care for people with a learning disability covering:

- communication
- understanding person-centred approaches
- the impact of the environment
- pain and palliative care

**Keynote speaker:** Diana Kerr, author of *Understanding Learning Disability and Dementia: Developing Effective Interventions* (2007)

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**Audience:** All health, social work, housing, voluntary, statutory and private sector staff responsible for providing direct care or planning, managing and delivering services. The content will also be central to those who commission and inspect services that support people with a learning disability.

**Cost:** £115

## Speakers

**Margaret Fray** is the author of *Caring for Kathleen: A Sister's Story*. This recounts the life of her sister Kathleen, who was born with Down's syndrome in 1927 and died at the age of 70, some 12 years after developing the early signs of Alzheimer's disease.

**Dr Tony Holland** is based at the Department of Developmental Psychiatry at the University of Cambridge. He has spent many years working in the field of learning disability, and has carried out pioneering research into the relationship between Down's syndrome and Alzheimer's disease.

**Diana Kerr** is research fellow at the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh. Her area of research relates predominantly to learning disability and dementia. Diana is an advisor to service providers and planners who support people with dementia and people with a learning disability and dementia. She is also a freelance trainer to direct care staff, managers, health and social work professionals, carers and people with a learning disability. She provides training on the needs of people with dementia, and in particular on the needs of people with a learning disability who have dementia. Previously Diana was the course leader for the MSc in dementia studies at the University of Stirling

**Dr Mary McCarron** is an international expert in the field of intellectual disability and dementia. Dr McCarron has played lead roles in assessing symptoms of dementia, developing specialist clinic services, and consulting on day-to-day care management. She is the policy and service advisor on dementia care for the Daughters of Charity Service.

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Armagh City Hotel, 2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR

- 9.15 Registration
- 9.50 Welcome and introduction, **Colm Cunningham**
- 10.00 Caring for Kathleen, a sister's story, **Margaret Fray**
- 10.20 Down's syndrome and dementia – an overview of current research, **Dr Tony Holland, University of Cambridge**
- 11.10 Break
- 11.30 Meeting the needs of people with a learning disability and dementia, **Diana Kerr**
- 12.15 Supporting persons with advanced dementia: palliation and end-of-life care, **Dr Mary McCarron**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Responding to the pain experiences of people with a learning disability and dementia, a research study, **Diana Kerr**
- 14.45 Living with Down's syndrome and dementia at home: a Northern Ireland perspective, **Moira Scanlon**
- 15.15 Break
- 15.30 Creating the right physical environment, **Diana Kerr**
- 16.00 Questions, evaluation and close

**Delegates will receive a copy of Diana Kerr's book, *Understanding Learning Disability and Dementia: Developing Effective Interventions*, as part of their attendance fee**

## Cancellation and changes

Cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations made less than ten working days before the event will be subject to a 50% administration fee. Substitution of delegates is acceptable at any time. In the event of cancellation by the organisers, liability will be restricted to a refund of the fees paid. It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to make changes to speakers, content or the timing of the programme.

**Moira Scanlon** has worked as an occupational therapist with people with a learning disability for 15 years, both in the statutory and voluntary services. Moira has a special interest in people with Down's syndrome and dementia. She is currently undertaking an MSc in learning disability studies. Her dissertation is on the impact of the 'home' environment on people with Down's syndrome and dementia.

The event will be chaired by Colm Cunningham, Director of Operations, and Maria McManus, Associate Director, Dementia Services Development Centre – NI.

## Forthcoming events

**13 March 2008**  
**Sexuality – what's different about dementia?**

Venue: Unison, 165 York Street, Belfast  
Cost: £120

This one-day workshop will explore issues of sexuality in the context of people with dementia, whether they are elderly, have a learning disability or early onset dementia. It will address sexual identity; myths and realities; ethics and legislation; carers; sexuality; and staffing issues. The workshop is aimed at staff and managers providing care for people with dementia, or those involved in commissioning, inspecting or planning services.

**28 March 2008**  
**Communication and assessment**

Venue: Unison, 165 York Street, Belfast  
Cost: £120

Communication is the key to understanding people with dementia. This one-day workshop takes a practical approach which will help staff get communication right more of the time. Assessment tends to focus on losses, but there is also a need for assessment that is affirming and which focuses on strengths and abilities. The workshop is suitable for social workers, nurses, care home managers and workers, home care managers, allied health professionals, ambulance personnel, care managers and medical staff.