



## **WIDENING ACCESS TO PALLIATIVE CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

### **GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES FOR PROFESSIONALS**

This publication – the second in Help the Hospices Widening Access series – concentrates on the end of life and bereavement care needs of people with learning disabilities and their families. It offers specific guidance and signposts towards resources to enable practitioners to address the challenges of meeting the care needs of this group of patients.

Areas covered include:

- definition and incidence of learning disability
- the health context of people with learning disabilities
- differential disease profiles for cancer and non-cancer conditions
- palliative care practice issues including cognition and communication, symptom assessment and control, decision making and advanced care planning, carer and bereavement support, spiritual care and user involvement
- education and training.

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