

# Reducing restrictive practices: A human rights perspective



### A BILD Conference

### 2 April 2014, London

Presentations and workshops from leaders in the fields of intellectual disability and the law will seek to define what good practice looks like and outline what should inform the development of policies, procedures and processes from a human rights perspective.

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In recent years, while much has been done to improve the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, shocking stories of abuse continue to emerge and result in a public outcry. From Cornwall, and Sutton and Merton, to the Panorama expose of the treatment of people supposedly being 'cared' for at Winterbourne View, high-profile investigations have given us clear evidence of abuse.

Beyond the high profile cases, while there are many excellent services throughout the UK that deliver high quality care and support to people who exhibit behaviours that challenge, it is a sad fact that the use of restrictive practices such as restraint, seclusion and as required medication, is commonplace in many services for people with intellectual disabilities who present additional complex behavioural or mental health needs (Allen 2011).

The law has an important role in relation to restrictive practices as legislation and government guidance seeks to protect people from the inappropriate use of restraint that violates their human rights. The Human Rights Act 1998, relevant across the UK, has a direct bearing on the use and impact of restrictive practices. The UN Convention on the Human Rights of People with Disabilities, ratified by the UK government in 2009, is designed to protect the rights and dignity of people with disabilities and ensure that they enjoy full equality under the law.

Despite this, people with intellectual disability, especially those subject to restrictive practices, are prone to having their fundamental rights ignored and violated. Historically, people with disability have been viewed as objects of treatment and this treatment has, in large part, been disassociated in theory and in practice with their underlying humanity. Nowhere is this more the case than it is with respect to the use of restrictive practices. (Chan et al., 2012) The onus for making change happen lies with commissioners of support and the support organisations themselves by ensuring the right kind of induction training and ongoing development of staff, by identifying and reviewing what is going on within their services but also by actively reducing their reliance on restrictive practices at an individual and systemic level. The ultimate goal is to build 'restraint free' environments for vulnerable people. (Paley 2013)

#### Purpose of the conference

This event will explore the key issues from a human rights perspective and will highlight some of the key concepts, practice standards and present research relating to use of restrictive practices.

As we move towards adopting wider interventions and practice approaches that are fundamentally underpinned by human rights, practitioners from a range of backgrounds will find this event stimulating and relevant to their current practice.

#### Who should attend?

The conference will be of importance for:

- Health and Social Care Commissioners
- NHS Trusts
- Social Care Providers
- Safeguarding staff
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Supported living teams
- Health and Wellbeing Boards
- Community Learning Disability Teams
- Teachers
- Service managers
- Support workers
- Trainers
- Anyone with an interest in working to improve the quality of life of people with learning disabilities or autism with behaviour which is described as challenging

### Programme

9.00	Coffee and Registration			
9.30	Welcome and Introductions Nigel Beail, BILD Trustee			
9.45	Overview of current national initiatives <b>Dave Atkinson</b> , <i>Royal College of Nursing,</i> <i>London</i>			
10.15	300 years of restraint reduction: what have we learnt so far? Dr Brodie Paterson, Calm Training Ltd, Scotland			
11.00	Refreshments			
11.30	A human rights perspective: Legal and ethical issues relating to restraint reduction Sam Karim, King's Chambers, Manchester			
12.00	Workshops (choose 1 from 4)			
	1. Restraint reduction: integrative policy and practice <b>Dr Brodie Paterson,</b> <i>Calm Training Ltd,</i> <i>Scotland</i>			
	2. Clinical holding, the Mental Capacity Act and balancing needs, rights and risks in medical treatment Chris Stirling, CPI Europe			
	<ul> <li>3. What do we think of restrictive practices?</li> <li>What are they and how do we recognise restrictive practices?</li> <li>Prof Nigel Beail, Head of Psychological Services for Barnsley Learning Disability Service</li> </ul>			
	4. Alternatives to restraint – working in partnership to reduce restraint use <b>Zara Clarke</b> , Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group, Sheffield			
1.00	Lunch			
2.00	Workshops as above (choose 1 from 4)			
3.00	Refreshments			
3.15	Ethical use of medication for problem (challenging) behaviour! <b>Prof Shoumitro Deb,</b> Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Imperial College, London			
4.15	Close			

### **Books by BILD**



## Framework for reducing restrictive practices

Sharon Paley-Wakefield This book provides a framework for organisations to identify and review what is happening in their services and to reduce their reliance on restrictive practices.



Reducing the use of restrictive practices with people who have intellectual disabilities. A practical approach David Allen This book focuses on reducing the use of restrictive procedures in a

structured, accessible way.

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### Venue

### Holiday Inn London-Bloomsbury

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