This bulletin provides you with details of the latest evidence, news, key research and developments in Learning Disability.

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Connect for Change: An update on learning disability services in England
Publication report about the care and support for people with learning disabilities and their families, including recommendations to address the issues highlighted.

Study reveals subtle brain differences in men with autism
Subtle brain differences have been identified in adult males with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), thanks to research using novel brain imaging technology. The scans revealed that men with ASD had differences in brain connections in the frontal lobe, a part of the brain that is crucial to developing language and social interaction skills.

Time for Change: The Challenge Ahead
The author of the Bubb report today calls on the government to appoint a Learning Disabilities Commissioner. And says that the challenges of reforming support for the vulnerable are larger than first thought.

Medicines Evidence Commentary: Psychotropic drug prescribing for people with learning difficulties
A large UK observational study found that the proportion of people with a learning disability who had been treated with psychotropic drugs far exceeded the proportion who had a recorded mental illness. Antipsychotics were often prescribed to people who did not have a diagnosis of severe mental illness but did have a record of challenging behaviour.

Police 'need training' to improve treatment of autistic people, report suggests
More than two-thirds of autistic people are left 'troubled' by encounters with the police service and the legal system, according to new research.

Ministers launch new flagship Mencap Centre in Belfast
Mencap in Northern Ireland opened a brand new £4.6m purpose built centre for children with a learning disability and their families, the first of its kind in the UK.

Learning disability resource for local eye health networks and local optical committees
The new resource outlines how LEHN’s and LOC’s can work with SeeAbility to improve access to eye care for people with learning disabilities in their area by suggesting enhancements to community sight tests and targeted work in special schools for people with learning disabilities to be included in eye health needs assessments and discussing with commissioners about dedicated services for hard-to-reach groups.

Published Articles

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An investigation of the delivery of health-related accessible information for adults with learning disabilities Tizard Learning Disability Review, Vol. 21 Iss: 1, pp.15 - 23

Learning Disabilities: improved bowel screening Nursing Times; 111: 49/50, 14-16
Guidelines improve nurses’ knowledge and confidence in diagnosis of anxiety and challenging behaviours in people with intellectual disabilities Evidence Based Nursing 2016 19 (1)


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