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Preventing deaths in people with a learning disability – sign up for free conference

A 'Preventing deaths in people with a learning disability' event is being held in Manchester on March 20. The conference is free, but you need to book. It is being billed by NHS England as a learning and networking opportunity for health and care professionals with an interest in ensuring high quality health and care services for people with learning disabilities. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your ticket.

Have you joined the new online Learning Disability Mortality Network?

A new online community is open to professionals across health and social care committed to reducing health inequalities and premature mortality among people with learning disabilities. The Learning Disability Mortality network has been created to enable national collaboration and to ensure that the learning from completed LeDeR reviews leads to changes and improved outcomes. If you want to share resources, learn about solutions identified from LeDeR reviews and find out about innovative practice from across England, please [email](#) to join this growing network.

Have your say on the NHS's patient safety strategy

In a bid to design a safe healthcare system, NHS Improvement has devised a consultation exercise to help inform a new national patient safety strategy. To make sure the strategy works for NHS patients, staff and providers, NHS Improvement is running its consultation until February 15. It is intended that the strategy will be published in Spring 2019. Click [here](#) to have your say. Or email your views to patientsafety.enquiries@nhs.net. An easy-read version is available [here](#).

NHS pledges to continue funding the LeDeR programme in its long-term plan

The NHS long-term plan, published on January 7, confirmed that the NHS will continue to fund the Learning Disability Mortality Review Programme (LeDeR). It stated: “Across the NHS, we will do more to ensure that all people with a learning disability, autism, or both can live happier, healthier, longer lives.” The plan went further in saying: “Action will be taken to tackle the causes of morbidity and preventable deaths in people with a learning disability and for autistic people” and “the whole NHS will improve its understanding of the needs of people with learning disabilities and autism, and work together to improve their health and wellbeing”. The plan is available to read [here](#).

Free flu jab for people with learning disabilities

People with learning disabilities are more likely to become seriously ill if they catch the flu. There is still time to get a free flu jab from your GP. Click [here](#) for further easy-read information.

Guide to making information accessible for people with learning disabilities

NHS England has produced a guidance document explaining how best to make information accessible for people with a learning disability. It sets out what you need to consider so information is easy to understand. It is available to download [here](#). An easy-read version is also available, [here](#).

Bristol annual learning disability conference 2019

A day of lectures and workshops on the health of people with learning disabilities is being held in Bristol on March 22. Now in its fourth year, this annual event brings together experts in the field of learning disability, looking at clinical advances, academic research, national policy and service delivery. Professor Pauline Heslop, LeDeR programme lead, will be speaking at the event alongside other keynote speakers. To book tickets, please click [here](#). There’s no charge for family members.

LeDeR reviewer training update

All LeDeR reviewer training is now being delivered through eLearning, which can be accessed [here](#). Resources have been developed to support local areas who may wish to offer face-to-face sessions to support reviewers. These can be downloaded from the Learning Disability Mortality online network. To gain access to this platform, see earlier section: [Have you joined the new online Learning into Action Network?](#)

LeDeR’s Learning into Action newsletter later this month will focus on constipation

The next Learning into Action newsletter will focus on work being done around the country to prevent people with learning disabilities dying from constipation. It will be sent out to the LeDeR network on Wednesday, January 30. Anyone who has anything to contribute should email chris.allen@bristol.ac.uk. Previous Learning into Action newsletters can be downloaded [here](#).

How to sign up to receive LeDeR bulletins and newsletters

If you’ve been forwarded this by a colleague and want to have LeDeR bulletins and newsletters sent direct to your inbox, you can add your name to our database by signing up [here](#).

The next LeDeR monthly bulletin will be sent out on **Wednesday, February 20**. Please email any items for inclusion to chris.allen@bristol.ac.uk by the end of **Wednesday, February 6**.
