

Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme

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Our contract with HQIP to support the LeDeR programme came to an end on 31st May. A new contract between NHS England and the University of Bristol is now in place until 31st May 2021.

The LeDeR programme's coding team has moved from the University of Bristol to the South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit. We will obviously remain closely in contact with them, and wish them well.

We have been working from home since March. The notification line (0300 777 4774, online notifications [here](#)) continues to be answered during office hours, and our office number (0117 3310686) has been transferred to voicemail. Leave a message and we will get back to you. Our contact details are available on the LeDeR [website](#).

And we are recruiting a senior research associate. Further details are [here](#) and from Pauline Heslop, pauline.heslop@bristol.ac.uk. Do forward this vacancy onto your networks or anyone who may be interested.

[LeDeR Frequently Asked Questions and briefing papers](#)

The LeDeR website has a comprehensive list of [FAQs](#) that cover everything about the programme. They are particularly useful if you are new to LeDeR - perhaps as a LAC or reviewer - and have 'why' or 'how' questions.

FAQs tell you 'what is the purpose of a pen portrait?' and 'why do reviewers only look at one set of notes?'

More detailed information and briefing papers are [available](#). Here you can find out 'what is a good quality review?' and how to identify the degree of a person's learning difficulties.

LeDeR's small admin team prioritises the queries and questions it receives. Your query may well be answered by the FAQs so do please check here first before contacting us.

[LeDeR S251 approval](#)

The Confidential Advisory Group S251 approval for the LeDeR programme has been renewed. The lead agency for this is now NHS England. For confirmation see: <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/application-summaries/confidentiality-advisory-group-registers/> and follow the link to 'April 2013 onward approved non-research applications'. The new registration number is 20/CAG/0067.

Improvements to LeDeR's web based platform (WBP)

An enhancement to our WBP will make life easier for colleagues and users.

Many of the documents uploaded to the WBP are in RTF format. Many reviewers, however, found they are unable to read the case notes in this format. LACs then had to ask the Bristol admin team, or GPs, to put the notes in another format (.doc or .docx for example).

We are pleased to say that RTF documents loaded into the WBP will now appear in a readable format for reviewers. This removes a significant delay in completing reviews.

Resources

Guidance for the treatment and management of COVID19 among people with intellectual disabilities. A new open access paper has published in the Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities by Regi Alexander and colleagues. See: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jppi.12352>

Supporting the health and wellbeing of people with learning disabilities. A new book edited by Pauline Heslop and Crispin Hebron has now been published by Springer. Each of the chapters has been co-written with people with learning disabilities and/or family carers. See: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-3-030-43488-5>

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