



Learning Disability Nurses A busy time!

Back in September we held a national conference *Learning Disability Nurses – Leading for Outcomes* - supported by the DH and RCN to promote leadership in learning disability nursing. The event was well attended and covered a range of issues relating to nurses working in a variety of settings including the NHS and Independent Sector. Presentations from the day and accompanying notes can be downloaded from our website www.debramooreassociates.com

In the last few weeks the RCN has published a position paper on the role of the learning disability nurse [*Learning from the past- setting out the future.*](#)

On the 8th April 2011 in Hertfordshire is the Positive Choices conference for student nurses. You can find out more about the conference and follow the Positive Choices group on [facebook](#)

New for 2011!

Debra Moore Associates is pleased to announce a new set of workshops and master classes for teams in health care settings that includes

- Using strengths based approaches to improve user experience
- Person centred care planning and CPA reviews
- Person centred working in secure hospital services
- Community Learning Disability Teams Development Programme
- Assessment and Treatment Services Development Programme (including secure services)
- Leadership development programme for learning disability nurses

For more information on these and other programmes contact info@debramooreassociates.com

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Better Health

Date to note

Seeability will be holding a national conference – Valuing Our Vision - in Leeds at the Thackery Museum on the 24th March

The conference will be attended by the Co-National Director for Learning Disabilities – Scott Watkin

[Click here](#) to find out more and to book a place

Welcome to this spring edition of our newsletter. It contains headlines and links to a number of key policies and consultations we hope you will find useful.

Best wishes
Debra



Don't forget!

We have lots resources and updated news items on our website which is quick and free to join

www.debramooreassociates.com

Who cares?



In recent weeks we have publication of the Health Ombudsmen Report [Care & Compassion?](#) This report contains the stories of 10 older people who were victim to neglect and ill-treatment within the NHS. The document contains chilling echoes of the Six Lives Report into the deaths of 6 people with learning disabilities in the NHS.

Government responds to report by Professor Jim Mansell



On the 10th February the government published its formal response to the report [Raising Our Sights](#) which looked at the needs of people with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities. The government [report](#) contains a number of key recommendations across a range of areas including health, housing and support for family carers.



You can find out more about how you can support people with PMLD you can visit the [PMLD Network](#) website. You can also read the network's response to the government's report 'Raising our Sights'.

Positive Practice Positive Outcomes

A handbook for professionals in the criminal justice system working with offenders with a learning disability

A new edition of the best practice handbook from Offender Health and Valuing People published 2 March 2011.

A booklet for offenders with a learning disability is also available (in easy read format).



No Health Without Mental Health

DH Strategy launched

The cross government strategy [No Health without Mental Health](#) sets out six shared objectives to improve the mental health and well-being of the nation, and to improve outcomes for people with mental health problems through high quality services.

The 6 shared objectives are

1. More people will have good mental health
2. More people with mental health problems will recover
3. More people with mental health problems will have good physical health
4. More people will have a positive experience of care and support
5. Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm
6. Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination

It supports the Government's aim of achieving parity of esteem between physical and mental health.

The strategy emphasises the interconnections between mental health, housing, employment, and the criminal justice system. It supersedes the New Horizons document.

New Excellence Scheme for Adult Social Care

On the 28th February CQC announced plans to develop a [new scheme](#) to recognise excellence in adult social care. The scheme is set to be launched in April 2012. A consultation on defining excellence will launch in May.



Healthy Lives, Healthy People:
Transparency in outcomes -
Proposals for a public health
outcomes framework

There is still time to contribute to this important consultation seeking views on the proposed [public health outcomes framework](#). It aims to help shape the framework and in particular, to refine and clarify the indicators.

Closing Date: 31 March 2011

Making Reasonable Adjustments

A new Improving Health and Lives: Learning Disabilities Observatory report summarises the results of a project mapping the [reasonable adjustments](#) for people with learning disabilities carried out by NHS Trusts in England.

Online Learning Opportunities from Debra Moore Associates

We provide a range of bespoke online learning opportunities to support awareness and training across a number of areas including

Health Action Planning & Health Facilitation

Learning Disability Awareness For Acute Hospitals

Learning Disability Awareness for Mental Health Services

Learning Disability Awareness for the Criminal Justice System

Supporting people with Autistic Spectrum Conditions in healthcare settings

These and other online programmes form part of our blended learning packages that include workshops and masterclasses

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Resources

[People with Learning Disabilities in England 2010](#)

A report that brings together evidence on the characteristics of people with learning disabilities, their families and the services and supports they use.

[Mental Health Factfiles](#)

Cover a range of topics including public mental health and wellbeing and stigma and discrimination and are available to download

