

KEY NETWORKS IN LEARNING DISABILITY - November 2011

It is our intention to keep this list as up to date as possible. If you have further information about your network, or your network is not yet listed please contact Sandra.Wilson@nes.scot.nhs.uk

GENERAL

SCLD www.sclد.org.uk

- **Health Working Group.** Established for 5 years and meets quarterly. Members include PAMIS and ENABLE.

- **Local Area Co-ordinators Network** <http://www.sclد.org.uk/local-area-co-ordination/contacts-list>

- **Same as You Implementation Group**

- **Same As You Evaluation Group** – 8-10 people with Lisa Curtice and Ryan Gunn. Purpose to evaluate NHS QIS recommendations. Group communicates by email.

Learning Network – A network established February 2010 to replace now disbanded Partnership in Practice Network. Contact: Ryan Gunn Adult Care and Support Division, Scottish Government.

Learning Disability Research Network (Scotland) – launched 2010. First conference being held in June 2011. *Awaiting further information.*

Learning Disability Multi-Agency Group – set up 4-5 years ago when Joint Inspections were first called for NHS QIS. Care Commission, SWIA, QIS, HMIE, HMIP, Mental Welfare Commission, Princess Royal Trust for Carers, People First etc

Learning Disability Alliance Scotland <http://www.ldascotland.org/>

The UK Health and Learning Disability Network hosted by The Foundation for People with a Learning Disability (FPLD). To join log on to :

<http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/forms/healthjoin> or
<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/ldhn>

Open network with a focus on health and adults with a learning disability. Janet Cobb is the network facilitator and an associate consultant with FPLD

<http://learningdisabilities.org.uk> For more information email jcobb@fplد.org.uk

The UK Lecturers Network (Learning Disability) Contact Janet Cobb janet@jan-net.co.uk or jcobb@fpld.org.uk

Network aimed at university lecturers in learning disability open to anyone with an interest in workforce development in health and learning disability. Free membership to join log on to www.jan-net.co.uk

UK Continuing Care Network (Learning Disability) Contact Janet Cobb janet@jan-net.co.uk Network aimed at practitioners working in continuing care and learning disabilities. Free membership to join log on to www.jan-net.co.uk

UK GP (with interest in learning disabilities) Network. Contact Janet Cobb janet@jan-net.co.uk Network aimed at GP's with an interest in health and people with a learning disability. Free membership to join log on to www.jan-net.co.uk

NHS Networks www.networks.nhs.uk National Health Facilitation Network see their list of Learning Disability networks at http://www.networks.nhs.uk/welcome/nhs-networks/network_finder

National Learning Disability and Ethnicity Network www.lden.org.uk

MANAGED CLINICAL/CARE NETWORKS

Learning Disability MCN (Managed Care Network) South East of Scotland – home page <http://www.nhsforthvalley.com/LDMCN/LDMCNHomePage.html>

Working , Consultancy, Interest and Networks Groups within the above include Accessible Information, Finance, Forensic Working Group, Forensic Care Pathway Group, Joint Resources, Management Group, Physical Healthcare Group, Professional Education and Development Group, Steering Group, Autism Spectrum Interest Group, Severe Challenging Behaviour Interest Group
<http://www.nhsforthvalley.com/LDMCN/LDMCNGroups.html>

MENTAL HEALTH & LEARNING DISABILITY

AIMS-LD Network – (Accreditation for Inpatient Mental Health Services - Learning Disabilities.) Data collection for inpatient Learning Disability Units
<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/quality/quality,accreditationaudit/learningdisabilityservices/aims-lldata.aspx>

Mental Health in Learning Disabilities Network – Steve Hardy
Steven.Hardy@kcl.ac.uk or info@estiacentre.org
www.estiacentre.org/mhildnetwork.html

Forensic

Scottish Forensic Network- <http://www.forensicnetwork.scot.nhs.uk/> Forensic Mental Health Services Managed Care Network (Forensic Network) website. The aim of the site is to provide a resource that will be helpful to all disciplines and agencies involved in Forensic Mental Health Services in Scotland. Established in 2003 when Scottish Ministers invited Andreana Adamson to lead its development. The Forensic Network is multi-agency and multi-disciplinary in its approach, with strong links with the Scottish Prison Service, Social Work Services, Police and Criminal Justice Agencies, The Scottish Government and Carers amongst others.

Quality Network for Forensic Mental Health Services -

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/quality/quality,accreditationaudit/forensicmentalhealth.aspx>

The UK Forensic and Learning Disability Network Contact Janet Cobb janet@jan-net.co.uk or jcobb@fpld.org.uk. Network aimed at practitioners with an interest in people with a learning disability in secure settings or at risk of contact with the Criminal Justice System. Free membership to join log on to www.jan-net.co.uk

LD CAHM's (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Learning Disability) Network

QINMAC Learning Disability CAMHS Network

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/quality/quality,accreditationaudit/qinmaccamhs/learningdisabilitycamhs.aspx>

NURSING

RCN (Royal College of Nursing) Learning Disability Nursing Forum

http://www.rcn.org.uk/development/communities/rcn_forum_communities/learning_disabilities Ann.Norman@rcn.org.uk

Scottish Community Learning Disability Nursing network- SCLDNN

Learning Disability Senior Nurse Meeting Group – Chair: June.Brown@nhs.net

Scottish Learning Disability Acute Liaison Nurse Community Network

<http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk/SharedSpace/communities/Pages/login.aspx?ContainerID=211996&ret=http%3a%2f%2fwww.elib.scot.nhs.uk%2fSharedSpace%2fcommunities%2fPages%2fIndex.aspx%3fContainerID%3d211996> **Chair : Jean Howieson, NHS Lanarkshire.** This group have a shared space and will be the first group to have an online community with the Managed Knowledge Network web portal.

National Network on Learning Disability Nursing (NNLDN) – Michael Brown
Michaelj.brown@nhs.net www.nnldn.org.uk (broken link)

There is also an email group – RNLD's – which has around 300 members. The network is for advice, practice discussion, networking. To join go to
<http://health.groups.yahoo.com?RNLDs/join>

UK LD Nurse Consultant Network Phil Boulter Philboulter@sabp.nhs.uk
http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/Chiefnursingofficerbulletin/Browsable/DH_4954289

A2A Network – Acute hospital care network for people with a learning disability. Rick.Robson@shropshire.nhs.uk or go to <http://a2anetwork.co.uk/> The A2A Network has been in existence since 1999 and has grown to become a national forum for people interested in improving access to acute hospital care for people with learning disabilities.

The Scottish Learning Disability Nurse Education Forum Elaine Kwiatek
elaine.kwiatek@nes.scot.nhs.uk

L.I.Ds (Learning & Intellectual Disability Student Nurses)
<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing/lids/> Helen.Laverty@nottingham.ac.uk

Positive Choices - conference for Learning Disability nursing students.
<http://www.positivechoices.org.uk/> Helen.Laverty@nottingham.ac.uk

National Health Facilitation Network (NHFN) Mark.Bradley@oxleas.nhs.uk The network is to support anyone engaged in health facilitation/supporting people to access mainstream health services.

NHS Highland Learning Disability Relationships Group (HLDRG)-
Support and Advocacy group that supports people with Learning Disabilities in the Highlands with relationships and sexual health and transitions into adult life. Multi-disciplinary team from Highland Council, Voluntary Sector, Carers and People with LD. <http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/Search/Pages/LoveIsandHDLRG.aspx>

Lothian Learning Disability Research Group, a collaboration between Centre for Research and Families and Relationships (CRFR), University of Edinburgh, Faculty of Health, Life & Social Science, Edinburgh Napier University and NHS Lothian.
<http://www.crfr.ac.uk/reports/LDbriefing.pdf>

PMLD – PROFOUND & MULTIPLE LEARNING DISABILITY NETWORKS

Profound & Multiple Learning Disability Networks www.PMLDnetwork.org
Beverley.Dawkins@mencap.or.uk includes the PMLD Forum

IASSID www.iassid.org The International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities (mental retardation and related developmental disabilities) is an international and interdisciplinary scientific non governmental organization with official relations with the World Health Organization. It promotes worldwide research and exchange of information on intellectual disabilities. World Congress every 4 years, IASSIS (Europe) meets every 2 years.

PMLD service development group

PALLIATIVE CARE

PCPLD Network - Palliative Care for People with Learning Disability

(<http://www.pcpld.org/>) *In 1998, a small group of learning disability and palliative care professionals came together, concerned by their experience that people with learning disabilities who were facing a life-limiting illness did not seem to access the same services or receive the same quality of service as the rest of the population. Together, they established the National Network for Palliative Care of People with Learning Disabilities (NNPCPLD), which later changed its name to the PCPLD Network* Seeks to provide training, information and advice to anyone concerned with the palliative and /or bereavement care needs of people with learning disabilities.
LindaMcEnhill@natnetpald.org.uk

Chair : Dr Irene Tuffrey-Wijne Email : chair@natnetpald.org.uk

HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Health Inequalities Learning Network/Equally Well

National Learning Disability & Ethnicity Network Bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk
www.liden.org.uk

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS - Special Interest Groups

SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY

Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists. Special Interest Groups for Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Offenders and Criminal Justice.
www.rcslt.org Richard.Guy@rcslt.org.uk

Scottish Policy Officer - Kim.Hartley@rcslt.org

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (www.csp.org) iCSP where members can post questions for national responses.

<http://www.csp.org.uk/director/members/groupsandnetworks/clinicalinterestandoccupationalgroups/biopsychosocialgroups/learningdisabilities.cfm>

Association of Chartered Physiotherapists for People with Learning Disabilities (ACPPLD)<http://www.acppld.org.uk/> *A clinical and occupational interest group of CSP. 250 UK members.*

Association of Practitioners in Learning Disability (APLD) Jeanette Thompson
contact@apl.org.uk

Learning Disabilities Databases Special Interest Group Anne Bowman
Anne.Bowman@smpct.nhs.uk

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

College of Occupational Therapy Specialist Section: people with learning disabilities (COTSSPLD) Chair: Jo Ball cotsspld@hotmail.co.uk

UK wide COT network of Lead OT's in learning disability services. Contact Genevieve Smyth, Professional Affairs Officer Mental Health and Learning Disabilities, College of Occupational Therapy genevieve.smyth@cot.co.uk

Sensory Integration Network for the UK and Ireland
<http://www.sensoryintegration.org.uk/>

NUTRITION & DIETETICS

Scottish Learning Disability Dietetic Network
Jill.Alexander@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

AUTISM

Scottish Autism Service Network <http://www.scottishautismnetwork.org.uk/> part of

National Centre for Autism Studies (NCAS) <http://www.strath.ac.uk/autism-ncas/>
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Autism Argyll [//www.autismargyll.org.uk](http://www.autismargyll.org.uk)

National Autistic Society - <http://www.autism.org.uk/>

Scottish Society for Autism <http://www.autism-in-scotland.org.uk/index.php>

East of Scotland Professional Interest Group in ASD

Adult Autism Interest group (within MCN)

ASD (OT) special interest group

MDT ASD group

Autism Group - NHS Lothian

EPILEPSY

UK Epilepsy Network Contact Janet Cobb janet@jan-net.co.uk or jcobb@fpld.org.uk Network aimed at practitioners with an interest in Epilepsy. Free membership to join log on to www.jan-net.co.uk

Epilepsy Specialist Nursing Association <http://www.esna-online.org.uk/>

Professional organisation whose membership consists of nurses and other health professionals working to support people with epilepsy in the fields of adults, learning disabilities and paediatrics. Work with members to raise the profile of epilepsy and to encourage a holistic and co-ordinated approach to care to enable patients to reach the goal of self-management.

North of Scotland Epilepsy Group

Highland Community Nurses Forum

3 MCNs for Epilepsy in Scotland; the North of Scotland MCN, the West of Scotland and Tayside MCN, and the national Paediatric MCN. (Epilepsy Scotland website)

Glasgow Epilepsy specialist Nurse peer support group

DOWN'S SYNDROME

Down's Syndrome Medical Interest Group <http://www.dsmig.org.uk/>

special health needs especially onset of dementia in their 30's. Parents want to see research on how to minimise the impact of learning disabilities ie. Vitamin research.

Down's Syndrome International. <http://www.ds-int.org/>

Down's Heart Group in the UK <http://www.dhg.org.uk/>

PSYCHOLOGY

British Psychological Society - Faculty of Clinical Psychologists working in Learning Disability have a group e-list.

http://www.bps.org.uk/dcp-lld/dcp-lld_home.cfm

HEARING

Hearing and Learning Disabilities www.HALD.org.uk

HOUSING

HousingLin – Housing Learning and Improvement Network (England)

<http://www.housinglin.org.uk/>

EMPLOYMENT

Employability & Tackling Poverty Learning Network

www.employabilityinscotland.com/employabilitylearningnetwork.aspx

hold learning events and are a national delivery group. Health and employment conferences could be useful to the Learning Disability Community.

SUSE – Scottish Union for Supported Employment www.susescotland.co.uk A support network for those helping disadvantaged Scots with employment. Members, discussion and news.

GLADNET <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/gladnet/default.cfm> The Global Applied Disability Research and Information Network (GLADNET) brings together research centers, universities, enterprises, government departments, trade unions, and organizations of and for persons with disabilities. – global learning network with information on employment.

PARENTS

Working Together with Parents Network <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/wtwpm/>

The professional network is a **free resource** for anyone working with parents with learning difficulties across the UK. Workers from a wide variety of backgrounds including **health, social care and education** benefit from involvement in our growing network. There are also country specific networks in Scotland and Wales.

The Scottish Network is headed by the the Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/wtwpm/professional-network/scotland>

SOCIAL CARE

VOCAL the voice of carers across Lothian <http://www.vocal.org.uk/aboutus.htm>

Altrum - Consortium for inclusion with membership from Inclusion Glasgow, Partners for Inclusion, C-Change for Inclusion, Neighbourhood Networks, The Thistle Foundation, Support for Ordinary Living, Freespace, Elcap, Diversity Matters, Paradigm. <http://www.altrum.org.uk>

Scottish Social Services Learning Networks (West, South East and Tayside)
<http://www.learningnetworks.org.uk>

Inspiring Inclusion Network - <http://www.inspiringinclusion.com/index.aspx>

Inclusion International – set up by Mencap and a German charity. Special interest research networks in ageing, Down's Syndrome, autism, PMLD. Co-Chairs with Groningen University. Also have round table specific meetings on themes. Working with WHO on ageing. <http://www.inclusion-international.org/#>

FAIR DEAL <http://www.fair-deal.org/> Provides support for adults with learning disabilities in Glasgow to live ordinary lives in their community and campaigns to improve opportunities and quality of life for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers.

Choice Forum (facilitated by Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities) <http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/have-your-say/choice-forum/> brings together people working with people with learning disabilities, national and local policy makers, service providers and purchasers, parents, carers and people with learning disabilities.

CHAIN (Contact, Help, Advice and Information Network)
<http://chain.ulcc.ac.uk/chain/index.html> is an online network for people working in health and social care. It is based around specific areas of interest, and gives people a simple and informal way of contacting each other to exchange ideas and share knowledge. CHAIN is multi-professional and cross organisational.

Scottish Disability Equality Forum www.sdef.org.uk

Health and Happiness, Inverness (a self advocacy organisation for people with learning disabilities) <http://www.healthandhappiness.org.uk/aboutus.php>

EDG network (Edinburgh Development Group) <http://www.edg-sco.org>

Glasgow Good Information Group - started in 2004 by a group of practitioners from organisations in the Glasgow area that support people with learning disabilities living in the community. The organisations are C-Change for Inclusion, Care Solutions, Cornerstone Community Care, Fair Deal and Quarriers. The group was supported by speech and language therapists from Glasgow Learning Disability Partnership. This group fed into the NHS GGHB Communication and Support Plan in 2009.

NHS Lothian LD network for young people

LOCQAL care group – LD

Providers Forums (mid-Argyll, Midlothian, West Lothian and Borders)

N.E Learning Disability forum. (S.W and Health)