

Adults with learning disabilities: supporting workforce development



The NHS Education for Scotland LD Team
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Welcome to our newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Learning Disability team at NES. Our aim is to support development of the learning disabilities workforce through education and training. In this issue you will find information on:

- The upcoming Essentials of Learning Disability resource
- The Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodiversity (LDAN) Bill consultation
- An update on work with partners and highlighting new Annual Health Check resources

Essentials of Learning Disability

It's almost here! The first modules of the *Essentials of Learning Disability* resource will be available very soon. Look out for the official launch during Learning Disability week on Thursday 9th May at 1pm.

Essentials of Learning Disability aims to offer a comprehensive introduction for everyone working with or supporting someone with a learning disability. The resource consists of clusters of short learning modules around topics such as what a learning disability is, stigma and society, health inequalities, communication, and psychological wellbeing.

The resource will be available through Turas Learn, which supports learning for anyone in Scotland, regardless of profession, background or employer. Further information about Turas Learn can be found at the end of this newsletter.



What is a Learning Disability?

START COURSE

The Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill

Consultation is underway for the proposed Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill, also known as the LDAN Bill. This is an important opportunity to have your say on laws which could make a real difference to the lives of people with learning disabilities. Proposals cover a wide range of areas, including:

- Definitions and who should be included in the Bill
- Health and social care
- Housing and employment
- Justice systems
- Complex care needs and delayed discharge
- Restraint and seclusion

The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) has produced a number of accessible resources about the Bill and how to respond which you can find [here](#).

The Scottish Government is keen to hear everyone's views on the proposals. The consultation is open until 21st April 2024.

Working with our partners



The NES LD team work closely with a range of organisations and individuals to achieve our aim of delivering high quality learning and training that meets the needs of the workforce, and includes the voice of those with lived experience.

We are excited to be presenting at the NES Annual Conference on 26th April along with the Rapporteurs from the Include for Good programme for change. The Rapporteurs are people with learning disabilities who are championing for change to make Scotland a more equal place. You can learn more about them [here](#).

As the conference theme is 'Digital Solutions' this is a great opportunity to highlight the experiences of people with learning disabilities to a wide audience, and promote their inclusion in developing technology.

You might be interested in.....

Learning Disability Week 2024 - 6th-10th May

The theme this year is 'Digital Inclusion'. The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) will be hosting a series of online events, which you can find [here](#). You can also order your 'Get Involved' pack from SCLD [here](#).

**Scottish Learning
Disability Week 2024**

Monday 6 – Friday 10 May

[#ScotLDWeek24](#)

[#MyRight2Digital](#)

www.sclld.org.uk


New resources to support annual health checks



Down's
Syndrome
Scotland

The Scottish Government have introduced Annual Health Checks for everyone in Scotland aged 16+ who has a learning disability. See our [Health Checks Turas page](#) for useful links and information.

We are delighted to share resources that have been produced and launched by Down's Syndrome Scotland recently to support adults with Down's syndrome, parents and carers, and professionals in the health checks. These three resources are available [here](#)



Don't forget our [Once for Scotland: Learning Disabilities](#) page on Turas Learn, where you can find information and resources in the areas of equal health, psychological care, trauma and behaviour that challenges. ***Essentials of Learning Disability*** will also be available here soon!

[Everyone](#) with [any](#) email account can register quickly and easily to access the resources. Click [here](#) to create an account on Turas Learn.

We welcome any feedback on the newsletter and our work. We will continue to support ongoing development of the workforce to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities.

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