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Studies

[Hospitalisations and deaths due to ambulatory care sensitive conditions among adults with and without intellectual disabilities in Scotland: a cohort study](#)

Objectives: To explore how well the primary care system in Scotland works for adults with intellectual disabilities (ID), using the rate of unplanned hospital admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions (ACSC) as a proxy indicator.

[Non-Substance Addictive Behaviors Among People with Intellectual Disability: A Systematic Review](#)

Non-substance addictive behaviors in individuals with intellectual disability (ID) constitute a relevant field of study, particularly given that this population has been historically underserved.

[A Systematic Review of Intervention Studies to Support Social-Emotional Skills of Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Early Childhood](#)

Young children with intellectual disabilities (ID) require consistent support to address developmental challenges in social-emotional skills, critical for their integration and well-being.

[White matter aging across the lifespan in Down syndrome: developmental origins, Alzheimer's disease progression, and therapeutic implications](#)

People with Down syndrome (DS) develop Alzheimer's disease (AD) neuropathology by the age of 40 years, with cognitive decline common after age 50.

[Low-Dose Lithium for Mild Cognitive Impairment: A Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial](#)

Can low-dose lithium treatment delay cognitive decline in older adults with mild cognitive impairment?

[Physiotherapy Interventions for Children and Young People with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis](#)

Children with neurodevelopmental disorders make up a significant proportion of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) population. Early identification of children at risk for developing mental and physical co-morbidities and appropriate multidisciplinary management, including physiotherapy, is vital to improve health outcomes.

[The Road to Quality of Life: Transportation and Outcomes of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) face significant barriers when it comes to transportation. Yet, transportation plays an important role in quality of life. Understanding the impact of transportation on people's lives, especially underserved populations like people with IDD, is an under-researched and much needed area; doing so is necessary both to improve transportation and to promote quality of life.

[Assessing the efficacy of deep learning approaches for facial expression recognition in individuals with intellectual disabilities](#)

Facial expression recognition has gained significance as a means of providing artificial agents with the capacity to discern the emotional states of users. Notable performance has been achieved by deep learning approaches; however, its direct use for recognizing facial expressions in individuals with intellectual disabilities has not yet been studied in the literature, to the best of our knowledge.

Webinars

[Webinar recording: Introducing the Working Together Checker](#)

The Bild Working Together Checker is a tool to help you see how well a piece of work, project of service is using coproduction.

News

[Connected Care – Highlights and insights from the 2026 Growing Older with Learning Disabilities Conference](#)

Bild's Growing Older with Learning Disabilities (GOLD) Conference 2026 proved once again to be a moving and inspiring event.

[Good Lives depend on good support: new report on pay in adult social care](#)

Skills for Care has published its annual Pay in the Adult Social Care Sector in England report.

[Baroness Casey says social care is held together by "sticking plasters and glue"](#)

Too many families are navigating an underfunded, 'cobbled together' social care system that lacks ownership and accountability, according to Baroness Casey, chair of the Government's social care commission.

[Bild responds to 'Pay in the Adult Social Care Sector in England' report](#)

Today, Skills for Care published the Pay in the Adult Social Care Sector in England report. The report shows that average pay for a social care worker currently sits at £12.60 per hour, just 39p above the National Living Wage.

[SEND reforms left unanswered questions on home-to-school transport and council deficits](#)

New plans designed to help local authorities struggling to finance support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) fail to take into account burgeoning home-to-school transport costs.