

Welcome to the new Learning Disabilities Bulletin!

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Studies

[Frequency of mixed neuropathologies in individuals with down syndrome with and without Alzheimer's dementia](#)

Individuals with Down syndrome (DS) develop Alzheimer's disease neuropathological change (ADNC) by the age of 40 years, and most develop dementia by their early 50s.

[Immediate and Underlying Causes of Death and Survival Rates in Aging Adults With Down Syndrome](#)

Background: To describe immediate and underlying causes of mortality (using ICD-10 codes) and survival rates of aging adults with Down syndrome (Ds).

[Implementation of physical activity interventions for children and young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities: an international modified Delphi study](#)

This study aimed to establish consensus on items to be included in professional guidelines supporting clinical practitioners and community organisations to effectively implement physical activity (PA) interventions for children and young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

["How do I know that they know?": supporting faith formation among children with disabilities](#)

Faith formation can be a central aspect of parenting. Despite the presence of more than 7.5 million children with disabilities in the United States, the distinct issues and challenges their parents encounter in this area are underexplored.

Blogs

[Acts of Hope for Good Lives](#)

Gary Bourlet, Membership and Engagement Lead at Learning Disability England, shares why he believes hope is important if we want good lives for all people with learning disabilities.

[Are Migraines Being Missed in People with Learning Disabilities?](#)

In this blog, Lorna Rouse, researcher from The Open University, speaks about migraine in people with learning disabilities. She shares what she has learned and invites people to take part in a survey to help plan future research.

News

[Government to transform mental health care with new strategy](#)

New mental health strategy will transform care in England and drive shift from crisis intervention to preventative care.

[CBF Announces Making it Matter Project](#)

The CBF is pleased to announce Making it Matter, a new flagship UK wide project to increase direct engagement with young people with severe learning disabilities.

[Attachment and caregiving by parents with learning disabilities: lessons from research](#)

Trauma, systemic disadvantage and experiences of professional scrutiny often shape caregiving by parents with learning disabilities, highlighting the importance of social workers assessing risk contextually, writes clinical psychologist Dr Layla Harding.

[Social care should be a national priority and economic opportunity, says Care England report](#)

Care England is calling on the Government to treat adult social care as a national priority, move beyond short-term fixes, and recognise its contribution of approximately £78 billion to the UK economy each year.

[The King's Speech 2026: key points for disabled people](#)

King Charles has set out the Government's policy priorities and proposed legislation for the new parliamentary session in the King's Speech to the House of Lords, marking the State Opening of Parliament.

[RCPsych and NHS England to develop guidance on use of Ambient Voice Technology](#)

The College and NHS England are developing new guidance on the use of Ambient Voice Technology (AVT) in clinical practice with patients with mental health needs, learning disabilities or neurodivergent people (MHLDN).

[New sensory activity bags for people with learning disabilities attending A&E](#)

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust is now providing sensory activity bags for patients with learning disabilities and autistic people who need to attend the emergency department.

[New book examines the double discrimination of learning disability and race](#)

A powerful new book explores how race, discrimination and learning disability intersect, and how people of colour with a learning disability experience racism and ableism.