

Welcome to the new Learning Disabilities Bulletin!

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We will be closing the old lists down on Friday 10 July.

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Studies

[Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Multimorbidity in Emergency Department Visits: A Latent Class Analysis by Intellectual and Developmental Disability Status in the United States](#)

Multiple chronic conditions (MCC) impose a substantial burden on emergency department (ED) systems in the United States, yet little is known about how patterns of chronic disease co-occurrence differ at the intersection of intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) status and race/ethnicity.

[Psychopathology from childhood to adolescence in children with and without Mild Intellectual Disability \(MID\): a comparison across three MID operationalizations](#)

The DSM-5(-TR) expanded the definition of Mild Intellectual Disability (MID) to include adaptive functioning (AF) alongside intelligence quotient (IQ). In this population-based study, we examined behavioural and emotional problems in children with MID and matched controls from early childhood to adolescence.

[Unspoken Needs: Exploring Family Perspectives on the Sexuality of People with Disabilities](#)

This qualitative study explores family members' attitudes, knowledge, and educational needs regarding the sexuality of people with disabilities (PwDs) in Turkey.

Reports

[Muckamore Abbey Hospital Inquiry Report Published](#)

On Thursday 18th June, the Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) Inquiry published its final report. The Inquiry was established under the Inquiries Act 2005, to examine the issue of abuse of patients at MAH and to determine why the abuse happened and the range of circumstances that allowed it to happen. The purpose of the Inquiry is to ensure that such abuse does not occur again at MAH or any other institution in Northern Ireland which provides similar services.

[Falling nurse numbers leave people with learning disabilities behind](#)

A decline in the number of learning disability nurses in the UK has led to vulnerable people receiving a level of care that often fails to adequately take into account their needs, an RCN report has found.



Blogs

["Do you see me?" - Learning Disability and Cancer](#)

Learning Disability Awareness Week takes place in June each year. The theme for 2026 is "Do you see me?", focusing on people with a learning disability being seen, heard and valued.

[Lived Experience of Pica: a parent and sister's perspective](#)

A family carer shares their lived experience of Pica, both as a parent to a daughter Erin, aged 6 who is non-verbal and has a severe learning disability and global developmental delay, and as a sister to David, aged 36, who has autism, a severe learning disability and is non-verbal.

[From Cov to Kyiv: Promoting learning disability nursing and good neurodiversity practice](#)

Learning disability nurse and assistant professor Theresa Parker reflects on her recent collaboration with Alfred Nobel University in Kyiv, Ukraine.

News

[New three-year learning disabilities and autism plan to "transform" support](#)

A three-year plan focused on prevention, independence, and community care has been launched to transform support for people with learning disabilities and autism in Birmingham and Solihull.

[RCN publishes recommendations to save learning disability nursing workforce](#)

People with a learning disability are often failing to have their healthcare needs "adequately" met due to a collapsing number of learning disability nurses, according to a report from the Royal College of Nursing.

[Social workers divided on Supreme Court's reversal of Cheshire West judgment](#)

Social workers are divided over the AGNI ruling on deprivation of liberty, with some arguing it will weaken safeguards for vulnerable people and others backing it in principle, provided clear guidance is in place.

[ADASS developing new DoLS prioritisation tool in wake of Supreme Court judgment](#)

Association of Directors of Adult Social Services also working with Department of Health and Social Care to produce resources to help councils revise practice in line with judgment that overturned Cheshire West ruling.

[What four things are carers telling us about health and social care?](#)

From issues knowing where to get support to accessing their own healthcare, we share what unpaid carers have told us about their experiences.

[Government's response on SEND reform published by Education Committee](#)

Today the Education Committee publishes the government's response to its report on special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support reform.

