



Better Health!

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The summer is here and it's traditionally a time when things quieten down for holidays and recess. It can present an opportunity for reflection and one of the things I find I keep returning to is how, in the words of Anne Williams, we make Valuing People Now happen for everyone, everywhere. Hence we are delivering a programme of work in the autumn to help raise awareness and improve support for people with more complex needs including offenders. Find more details further in the newsletter and I hope you enjoy a welcome break.

Best wishes
Debra



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Easy Read Swine Flu Information



The Department of Health has published an easy read Swine Flu leaflet

This is available to download at www.nhs.uk and www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu

New Horizons – towards a shared vision for mental health Consultation

On the 23rd July the government published its new draft strategy for mental health 'New Horizons'.

This document focuses on how government, services and communities can work together to play their part in helping people to get the right help, promote equality and reduce stigma.

It will be important for people with learning disabilities and mental health problems, their families and those who support them to input into this consultation which closes on the 14th October.

More information and to download a copy go to: www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_103144



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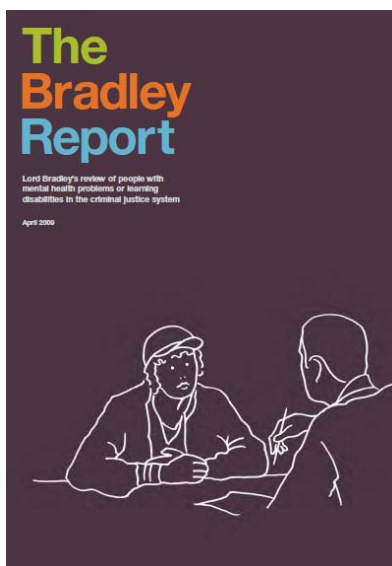


Review of services for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities

We are really pleased to hear the news that the Department of Health has commissioned Professor Jim Mansell, Director of the Tizard Centre at the University of Kent, to carry out a review of services for adults with profound and multiple intellectual disabilities.

Professor Mansell will be assisted by the Profound and Multiple Learning Disability (PMLD Network), which included families, professionals and voluntary agencies.

You can find out more about the network at www.pmlDnetwork.org



The Bradley Report

This important review of people with mental health problems or learning disabilities in the criminal justice system was published in April and contains a number of key recommendations for public services and professional.

You can find the full report on our website at www.debramooreassociates.com

A better future: a consultation on a future strategy for adults with autistic spectrum conditions

A reminder that this important consultation closes on the 15th September.

The consultation considers five key themes for delivering change – health, social inclusion, choice and control, awareness raising and training, and access to training and employment.

In April we held a successful conference in partnership with Pavilion that looked at practical ways to support better health for people with learning disabilities.

We had a range of great speakers who shared with us the work they have undertaken to support access to mainstream NHS including a hospital passport from Salford and e-learning tools from Sheffield.

Mick Burns from the Y&H specialist forensic commissioning team also shared insights from research undertaken with offenders with learning disabilities and their personal experiences.

If you would like more information about any of these topics please contact us at info@debramooreassociates.com

New Appointment

Since our last newsletter the Department of Health have announced the appointment of Scott Watkin, as the Co-National Director for Learning Disabilities, and his job is to help turn the Department of Health's strategy, *Valuing People Now*, into a reality.



Scott hails from the Isle of Wight and is a special Olympian. Having heard him speak at a couple of health conferences it is clear that his commitment to improving the health of people with learning disabilities and the health services they receive is warmly welcomed. We would like to wish him every success in his role.

Good Practice:

Meeting the Health Needs of People with Downs Syndrome

Readers will be aware that people with Downs Syndrome are more at risk of specific health problems.

Mersey Care NHS Trust has two nurses specialising in dementia care within the LD team in Liverpool. They are currently undertaking a project to have an assessment of individual's baseline abilities and are developing a health screening pathway for adults who have Downs Syndrome.

For more information contact Serena.Jones@merseycare.nhs.uk Mersey Care 

Forthcoming Events

BEING HUMAN

Working in person centered ways with people with severe reputations

Debra Moore Associates are pleased to announce the delivery of these two important workshops

<i>Workshop 1</i>	27 th October 2009	York
<i>Workshop 2</i>	11 th November 2009	Newcastle

- To explore practical ways of working with individuals who display high risk behaviours and how to create and maintain a person centered approach.
- To enable participants to develop ways of meaningfully and realistically involving people with severe reputations in the care and support they receive.
- Introducing participants to ways of thinking about monitoring and evaluating services in person centered ways.
- To enable participants to develop ways of keeping people who use services and members of staff safe from abuse.

Who should attend?

Commissioners and those who provide services and support for people who may be labeled as 'challenging' or have 'offending' behaviours.

Price £150 + vat

To find out more information or book a place at any of our events please email: info@debramooreassociates.com

REMINDER MAKING IT HAPPEN

*Health Action
Planning & Health
Facilitation*

We are still taking bookings for our workshops in Derby and Leeds to help support and promote the implementation of Health Action Planning and Health Facilitation.

*Workshop 1
Leading and
Managing Local
Change to Support
Better Health*

*Workshop 2
1:1 Health Facilitation
– The Basics*

*Workshop 3
Including Everyone -
Health Action
Planning and Health
Facilitation with
People with Complex
Needs*

See our website for more information.

Including Everyone, Everywhere

Our 2nd Annual Health Conference, 9th December 2009

Following on from the successful 'Better Healthcare for All' event last year, we are having another big health conference focusing on promoting and supporting better health for people with more complex needs.

Further information will be on our website soon:

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