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**Learning from the past –  
setting out the future:**

Developing learning disability nursing in the United Kingdom

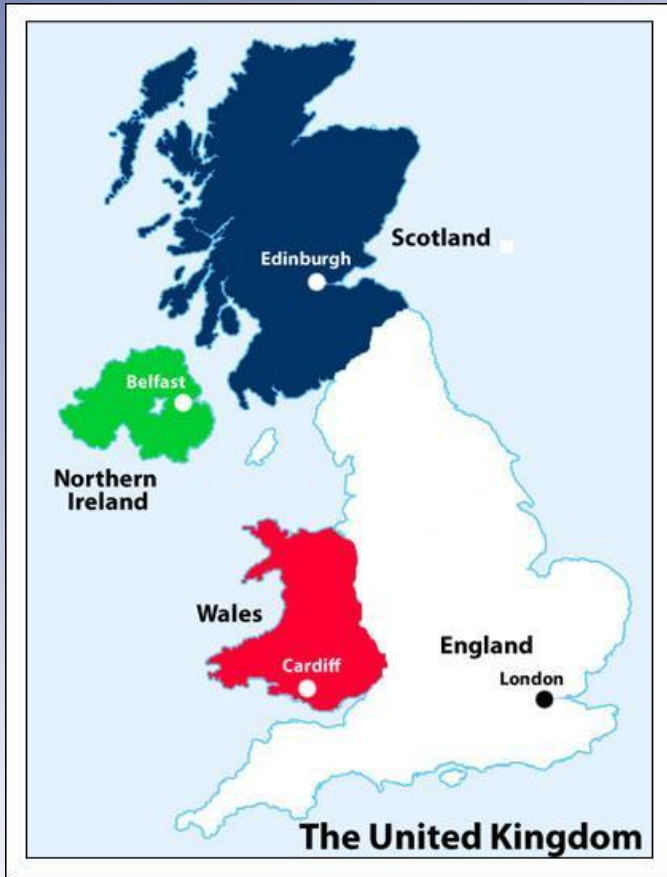
An RCN position statement on the role of the learning disability nurse



# *Learning from the past – Setting out the future*

Ian Mansell – RCN Learning  
Disability Forum

# The Learning Disability Forum Committee



- ◆ Dr Michael Brown (Chair)
- ◆ David Currie
- ◆ Ian Mansell
- ◆ Professor Owen Barr
- ◆ Anne Campbell
- ◆ Daniel Marsden
- ◆ **Two vacancies – out to advert (Independent sector and HCA)**
- ◆ Anne Norman - RCN Committee Adviser
- ◆ Nikki Mills – RCN Committee Administrator

# The UK Learning Disability Nurse Consultant Network

Shaping the Future:

## **A Vision for Learning Disability Nursing**

UK Learning Disability  
Consultant Nurse Network  
July 2006

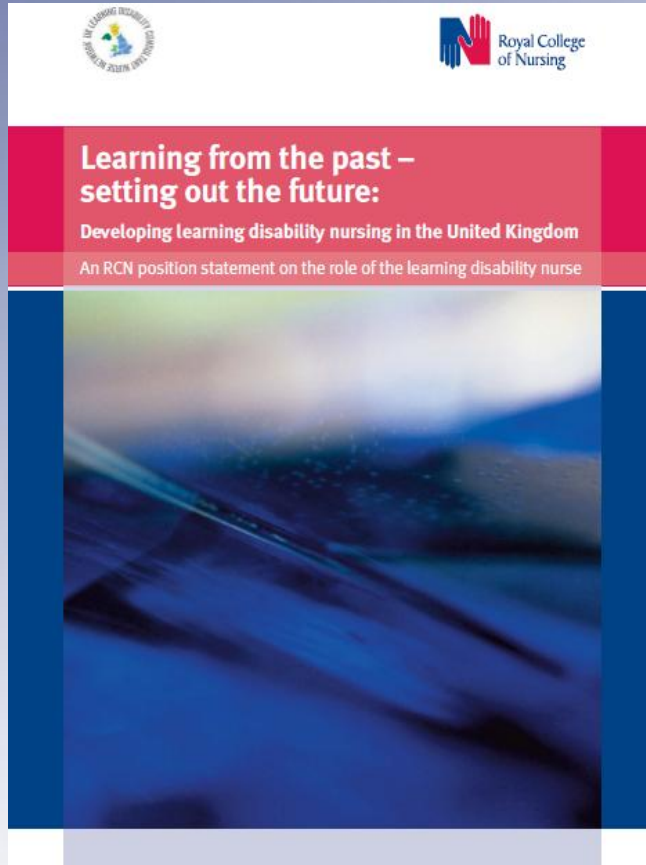
- ◆ Chaired by Phil Boulter
- ◆ Secretary Christine Hutchinson
- ◆ Learning Disability Nurse Consultants UK wide
- ◆ Influences practice, education, research and practice development
- ◆ Partnership working.

# Success in 2010



- ◆ RCN Congress 2010 resolution passed calling for a Learning Disability Liaison Nurse in every Hospital.
- ◆ RCN Learning Disability Nursing Summit in June 2010

# Learning from the past – Setting out the future



- ◆ Changing population needs
- ◆ Increasing complexity of need
- ◆ Changing population of LD nurses in the four countries
- ◆ Ensuring Learning Disability Nurses have the skills for the future
  - Person-centred care and support
  - Evidence-based care and interventions
  - Self directed support

# The Summit 2010

- ◆ Brought together experts and stakeholders to set out the issues and challenges for the future of LD Nursing across the four Countries.
- ◆ Three key priorities: -
  - **Workforce**
  - **Leadership** and
  - **Education**
- ◆ Writing Position Statement
- ◆ Active engagement with Health Departments including LDN leads.

# Education

- ◆ Move to Degree level training
- ◆ Working with Stakeholders
- ◆ Inter-professional working
- ◆ Fit for purpose
- ◆ Actions: -
  - The RCN LD Forum, will work in partnership with the other Forum and Nursing and Midwifery Council to ensure that the learning disability component of **all pre registration nursing programmes are fit for purpose and provide a visible and meaningful LD experience.**
  - The RCN LD Forum, RCN Education Forum and education providers to review CPD opportunities for Learning Disability Nurses.

# Workforce

- ◆ Diverse workplace settings
- ◆ Ongoing changes in the health and social care sector
- ◆ Strategic workforce planning including third sector
- ◆ **Devolved health and social care models/ philosophies**
- ◆ Actions:-
  - The RCN LD Forum will establish an accurate workforce profile.
  - The RCN LD Forum will encourage the evidence-base to support the LD Nursing practice.

# Leadership

- ◆ Support the development of leaders in learning disability nursing in all settings
- ◆ Progression planning –where are the new leaders
- ◆ Support and encourage networks and networking
- ◆ Actions:-
  - The RCN LD Forum and the Management and Leadership Forum to developing leadership opportunities for Learning Disability Nurses.

# Additional Forum Committee Activities

- ◆ Anne Norman, Professional Adviser is a member of the Department of Health and University of Bristol Confidential Inquiry into premature deaths of people with a learning disability.
- ◆ Bob Gates 'Task & Finish' Group looking at Learning Disability Nursing. Full report will be submitted in March 2011. Anne Norman, Professional Adviser is a member of this working group.

# What next?



- ◆ RCN LD Forum Action Plan
- ◆ Partnership working with the Four UK Health Departments.
- ◆ Communicating with members, supporters and stakeholders.
- ◆ Build on successful RCN Congress 2011 Liverpool

# Getting involved in *your* RCN

- ◆ Log into 'My RCN' . Check your details are up to date and sign up to the Learning Disability Forum as first choice.
- ◆ Attend Congress and Fringe events.
- ◆ Make contact with the Learning Disability Forum and Professional Adviser.
- ◆ Contribute to the RCN Bulletin, Nursing Standard and Learning Disability Practice journal.

# Any questions?



# Panorama Expose: Winterbourne Villa : South Wales response

- ◆ Shock, upset - drive to action
- ◆ Setting up 'Enough is Enough'
- ◆ Lobby - appointments Assembly members, Writing to MP's
- ◆ Focus on Commissioning, Monitoring and Models of Service Delivery