

# Improving Health & Lives

Learning Disabilities Observatory

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What it means for nurses

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# Improving Health & Lives

- ☺ Two Department of Health funded initiatives
  - Learning Disabilities Observatory
  - Confidential Inquiry
- ☺ Both three-year projects



# We Are

☺ North East Public Health Observatory

☺ Centre for Disability Research

☺ National Development Team for Inclusion



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# Observatory Aims

- ☺ Improve the health of (and reduce health inequalities experienced by) people with learning disabilities in England
- ☺ Help people who commission services (and others) make better use of information

By:

- ☺ Making information more easily available
- ☺ Getting better quality information
- ☺ Making information easier to use



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The Improving Health and Lives Learning Disabilities Observatory is here to keep watch on

- the health of people with learning disabilities
- the health care they receive

We have a website that provides a lot of information.

We are doing a number of projects.

To find more about our website and how you can use it, look at the links on the left of the screen.

## News

### The Right to Health: putting healthcare right

The first National Improving Health And Lives Observatory Conference will be on 22nd September 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Regents Park, London. The Keynote speaker will be Mike Smith, Mike Smith, EHRC Commissioner & Chair of Disability Committee. [Online booking here](#)

### New Challenges - New Solutions. The NNLDN 2011 networking event

Improving Health and Lives and the Confidential Inquiry will be presenting at this event in Bangor on the 18th and 19th July.

### The prevalence of visual impairments among people with learning disabilities in the UK

A new report commissioned by RNIB and SeeAbility on the estimated prevalence of visual impairments among people with learning disabilities in the UK.

### World Report on Disability

On June 9th the World Health Organization and World Bank

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New LD Observatory report: Data the NHS doesn't collect about health and healthcare for people with LD [www.ihal.org.uk/projects...](http://www.ihal.org.uk/projects...)  
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A new series of interviews on the Improving Health and lives website - see <http://www.ihal.org.uk/p...>  
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New page for Partnership Board reports at <http://t.co/NE7KNvM>  
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# Making information more easily available - recent reports



- ☺ Why people with learning disabilities die + easy read
- ☺ Health checks + guidance + easy read + audit tool (draft)
- ☺ Reasonable adjustments + guidance + easy read + data base



# Events 2011 / 12

- ☺ Three health check events
- ☺ Two reasonable adjustments events
- ☺ Two events for social care staff
- ☺ At least one workshop on supporting people with learning disabilities and family carers to use IHaL information
- ☺ One workshop on data



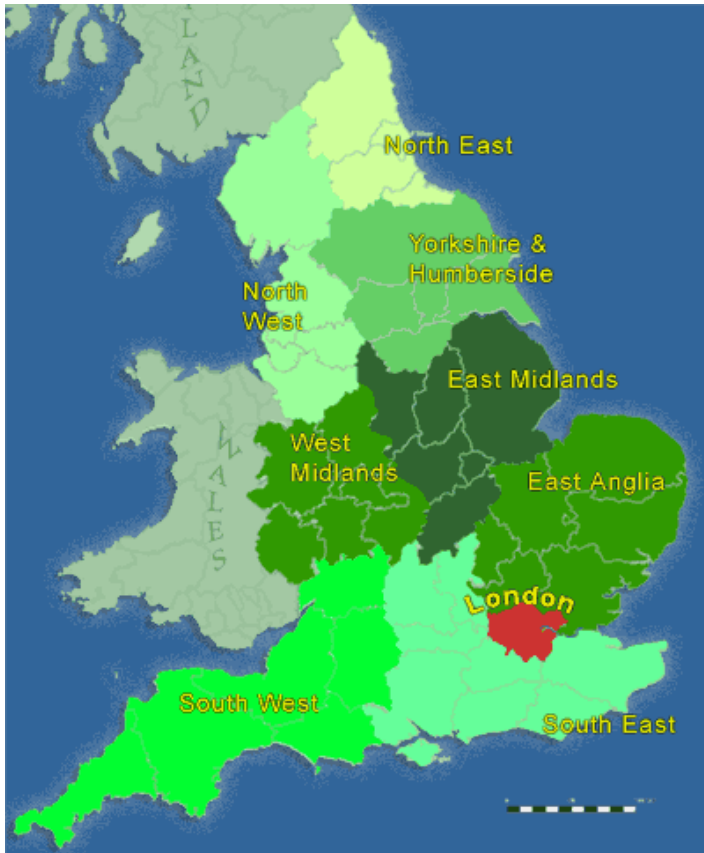
# Getting better quality information

## NHS data gaps report

- 😊 Population health
- 😊 Primary care
- 😊 Secondary care
- 😊 Major health problems for people with learning disabilities



# Making information easier to use – local partners



- ☺ Nottinghamshire – work with acute liaison nurses and primary care facilitators
- ☺ Sheffield – young people with complex needs
- ☺ Westminster – reasonable adjustments
- ☺ Kent – outcomes for the community team
- ☺ Cornwall – cancer screening



# Making information easier to use – Clinical Commissioning Groups



- 😊 Work with the Department of Health and Clinical Commissioning Groups about what information they need to commission services for people with learning disabilities.



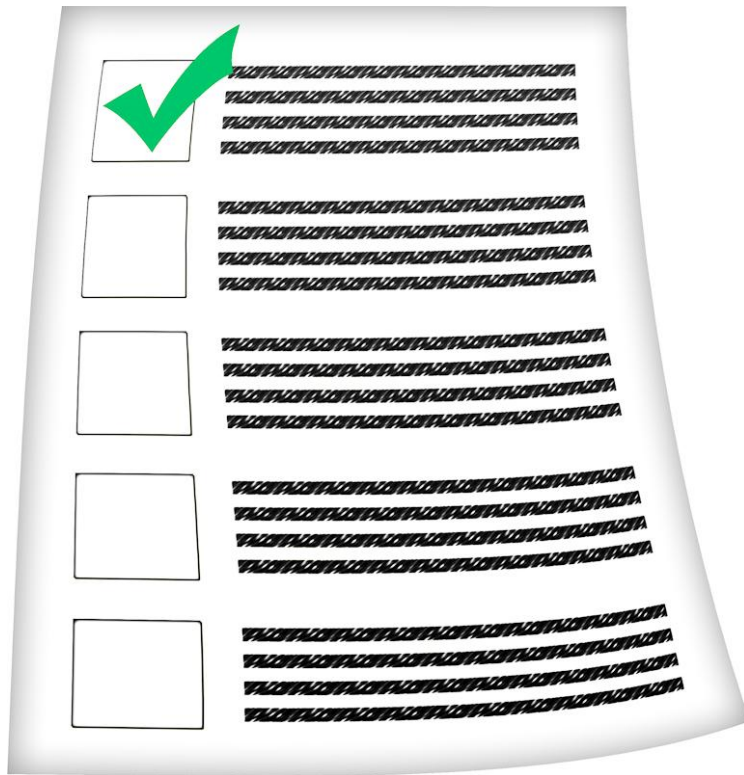
# Making information easier to use – working with others



- 😊 South West Acute Hospital Review
- 😊 16<sup>th</sup> March event
- 😊 website
- 😊 Business case for acute liaison nurses



# IHaL – what it means for nurses



- ☺ A resource to contribute to and use
- ☺ Possibility of developing virtual networks
- ☺ Evidence of effectiveness



# IHaL – What we know about nurses



- 😊 Anecdotal evidence of value of nurses and specialist learning disability staff (reasonable adjustments survey and evidence into practice documents)
- 😊 Clear association between better practice in hospitals and the presence of acute liaison nurses





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