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Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme

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University's LeDeR team welcomes Government announcement about mandatory training

Earlier this month, the LeDeR team based at the University of Bristol welcomed the Government's commitment to mandatory training for health and social care staff. The training has been named in memory of Oliver McGowan in recognition of his family's tireless campaigning following his death in November 2016. Mandatory training was one of the recommendations in the university's [2017 LeDeR annual report](#) and reaction from Professor Pauline Heslop, the university's LeDeR programme lead, can be [found here](#). Further details about the Government's 'Right to be heard' announcement, issued on November 5, is contained in [this document](#).

What is LeDeR? ... and what does it stand for?

These are two questions we get asked a lot. LeDeR stands for Learning Disabilities Death Review. LeDeR is pronounced 'leader', by the way. The University of Bristol is one of the partners in the programme, which is funded by NHS England. There's further information about these questions, and others, in this helpful ['What is LeDeR' leaflet](#), which we'd encourage you to share and print for those who don't have internet access.

New learning disabilities standards for hospital trusts

NHS Improvement has developed new standards to help NHS trusts measure the quality of care they provide to people with learning disabilities. A self-improvement tool and user guide to bring people together and help facilitate discussions on how well people with learning disabilities are supported in acute hospitals is also available to download. Further information is available on NHS Improvement's [website](#).

Help promote flu vaccines for people with learning disabilities and their carers

NHS England & Improvement's national flu campaign has been launched to encourage uptake of the free flu vaccination, particularly amongst at-risk groups. People with learning disabilities are identified as an 'at-risk' group and are therefore entitled to a free flu vaccine - as are their carers, family members or paid support workers. Further information is available on NHS England & Improvement's [website](#) and you could also share this [video](#) of Camilla getting her free flu jab to prevent her getting ill this winter. Please share regularly with your networks throughout winter.

NHS England & Improvement's latest easy-read newsletter

NHS England & Improvement's latest easy-read newsletter is now available to download and print. This issue focuses on going to the dentist, mindfulness, reducing restrictive practices and social prescribing. It also has a section about the LeDeR programme. It is available to download, print and share [here](#).

Applicants needed: research nursing interventions for people with learning disabilities

The RCN Foundation, part of the Royal College of Nursing Group, is calling for applicants to undertake scoping research (to be undertaken over a period of 6 months) to identify nursing-led / nursing-centred interventions to address the changing needs of the population of people with learning disabilities. Interventions should cover all ages and the research should reflect activity across the four countries of the UK. For more information, including details on how to apply, click [here](#). The closing date is December 15.

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