

North East & Yorkshire Region

Learning Disability & Autism Programme

30th March 24

(1) Latest Publications & Reports

Preventing People with a Learning disability From Dying Too Young Around 1.3 million people in England have a learning disability and may need more support to stay in good health. But are they able to get access to the services they are entitled to prevent illness? Our new report looks at a set of five preventative health care services and functions to understand whether they are working as they should for people with learning disability.

Please see link:- [Preventing people with a learning disability from dying too young | Nuffield Trust](#)



Guidance – National Flu Immunisation Programme 2024 to 2025 Letter. Flu vaccination remains a critically important public health intervention to reduce morbidity and mortality in those most at risk including older people, pregnant women, and those in clinical risk groups. It helps the health and social care system manage winter pressures by helping to reduce demand for GP consultations and likelihood of hospitalisation. Vaccinating health and care workers also plays an important role in helping to prevent transmission of flu, protecting themselves and those they care for.

This letter sets out guidance for the 2024 to 2025 season and includes the next steps for regions and providers to take, including which flu vaccines to order. The letter confirms that there are no changes to the eligible cohorts for the coming year, although providers should read the section on the [timing](#) of the programme carefully.

Please see link:- [National flu immunisation programme 2024 to 2025 letter - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



(2) Training & Events

Annual Health Checks – Awareness Training, open to any members of staff, carers, and family members who provide support to a person with a Learning Disability. Working in partnership to increase knowledge and understanding of the Annual Health Check and why these are important, and to learn how you can support the healthcare professional carrying out the appointment. **The 90-Minute Session aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the Annual Health Check and why these are important, and to learn how you can support the health care professional carrying out the appointment. Please see attached flyer.**



Down Syndrome Awareness Day is 21st March 2024
@nhsengland will be sharing information to promote the take up of annual health checks

Autism Acceptance Week runs from the 2nd April to 8th April 24
Social Media Plans has been shared.



NHS England and partners are delighted to be hosting an all-stakeholder webinar on The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism on Wednesday 27 March 2024, 10.00-12.00.

Together, we will celebrate and recognise the progress to date in implementing Oliver's Training across the country. The webinar is aimed at anyone with an interest in Oliver's Training or involved in rolling it out across England to health and social care staff. To register, please complete [the webinar registration form](#). The session will provide key updates from NHS England, DHSC, and Paula McGowan and will include items on:

- Roll out
- Accreditation
- Code of Practice
- Oliver's Campaign from Paula McGowan

To find out more about The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training, please visit [the website](#).



The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism: Regional communications update

- 1.4 million people have completed the elearning which Part 1 for Tier 1 and Tier 2
- Over 600 approved trainers to deliver Part 2 for Tier 1 and Tier 2 and number is growing everyday
- Early stages of roll out and may take large employers 3 years - NHSE do not collect detail of completion for funding reporting from ICSs (professions, services).
- National Institute for Health and Care Research evaluation provider will be announced in Spring 2024
- Oliver McGowan Code of Practice will be laid in parliament by SofS soon – Oliver’s Training has set the standards

NHS Standard Contract – includes Oliver’s Training

5.5 The Provider must have in place systems for seeking and recording specialist professional advice and must ensure that every member of Staff receives:

5.5.1 proper and sufficient induction, continuing professional and personal development, supervision, training and instruction;

5.5.2 full and detailed appraisal (in terms of performance and on-going education and training) using where applicable the Knowledge and Skills Framework or a similar equivalent framework; and

5.5.3 professional leadership appropriate to the Services, each in accordance with Good Practice and the standards of their relevant professional body (if any), and having regard to the Core Skills Training Framework and, in relation to clinical supervision for nurses and midwives, to A-EQUIP Professional Advocate Guidance. Training for Staff must include specific training in learning disability and autism, appropriate to their role, in accordance with the requirements of the Oliver McGowan Code of Practice and having regard to the recommendation of DHSC and NHS England of the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Package.

(3) Useful Information & Resources

Decision Support Tools – Easy Read versions now available

NHS England has published [six Easy Read decision support tools](#) covering inguinal hernia, enlarged prostate, gallstones, varicose veins, managing heavy periods and Type 1 Diabetes.

Decision support tools, also called patient decision aids, support [shared decision making](#) conversations by making treatment, care and support options explicit, providing evidence-based information about the associated benefits and risks, and helping patients to consider what matters most to them in relation to the possible outcomes, including doing nothing. These Easy Read versions will give people with a learning disability greater accessibility to these tools. This format may be easier for people whose preferred language is not English.



RADF update

The Reasonable Adjustment Digital Flag (RADF) mandate applies to all health and publicly funded social care. It applies across NHS and independent providers, social care (as providers) as well as independent contractors such as GPs and dentists. It also impacts all health and care IT system suppliers. The RADF Information Standard, published in September 2023, mandates organisations to ensure they are complying with requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including identifying people with all disabilities.

Organisations should ensure that they identify the disability and associated reasonable adjustment requirement of their existing registered or known patients or service users during routine appointments or interactions with the service. An e-learning training package will be available for staff from April 2024.

Ensure your organisation has processes in place to identify people support is available via:-

- Futures NHS WorkSpace - range of resources including for working with people with lived experience.
- Check list coming soon.
- Regional Leads – we will share list of your key contacts.
- Template copy for bulletins and sharing regionally amplifying SPOC cascade (TBC)