



Welcome to the September 2013 LaDDER Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of LaDDER – the Learning Disability, Diversity and Equality Review. We hope you have enjoyed summer.

There are seven articles in this review, we hope you find them informative and helpful.

If you know of any colleagues who would be interested in receiving this newsletter please forward this onto them. Alternatively, ask them to contact me and I will arrange for them to receive LaDDER directly.

If you have any updates or news for the next edition you would like to share, please send them to Bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

Best wishes
Bridget Fisher

1. Here to Stay

This is the **FINAL** chance for you to book onto either of the **consensus building events** which will report on the project so far and give you a chance to contribute to the guidance the project will produce. **Here To Stay** is looking at the learning disability service requirements for ethnic minority communities, especially new communities. The events will be held in **Birmingham on September 26th** and in **London on October 10th**.

[Click here for further details and to book a place.](#)

2. Feedback your experiences

Here To Stay is also seeking family carers and people with learning disabilities to interview regarding their experiences of services. The findings from these interviews will have significant influence in our recommendations and guidance.

Please contact Bridget Fisher, the project manager, at bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk if you can suggest anyone to be involved.

3. Help needed to support Asylum Seekers with Learning Disabilities

Following the last LaDDER we received this request from Dr Beth Greenhill – if you can help please [reply to Beth directly](#).

“A group of us within healthcare services (an NHS Mental Health Trust) are meeting together to think about how we might respond creatively to some of the difficulties we have in assessing Learning Disability with people who are Asylum seekers. We are increasingly getting referrals from very varied communities, cultural backgrounds, for people with varied levels of trauma and with varied cognitive abilities. We can’t be the only learning disability service in the country engaging with people who are asylum seekers and need support! We were wondering if you knew of any local services whose experiences we might be able to draw on, of any papers or of any key contacts in your network it might be useful to share experiences with. We’d be very grateful for any pointers! Particularly in the direction of any clinical psychologists who have engaged with some quite specific issues which arise in assessment?”

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4. Understanding Jargon

Think Local Act Personal have produced a “jargon buster” guide to the most commonly used social care words and terms which may help people with limited English or people working with translators or interpreters.

[Click here to download the guide.](#)

5. Event on Health Inequalities in Black and Asian Communities

Better Health, Better Care, and Better Value for all? Health Inequalities in Black and Asian Communities

Friday 18 October 2013

Leggate lecture theatre, VGM, University of Liverpool

12 noon lunch and stalls

12.45-3.15pm speakers and discussion

This FREE public event is open to all.

The Health and Social Care Act has introduced the first ever statutory duties relating to addressing inequalities in health. This event will explore some of the challenges and barriers faced by Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities with regard to fair access to healthcare.

Speakers include:

Diane Abbott, MP Shadow Minister for Public Health

Rose Thompson, Director of BME Cancer Communities

Stacy Johnson, Lecturer in Nursing, University of Nottingham

Dr Alex Scott-Samuel, Senior Lecturer in Public Health, University of Liverpool

This event will be of particular interest to:

Those interested in healthcare / Frontline Outreach and Members of the Community/ Equality and Diversity Leads/ Primary Care and Public Health staff/ Voluntary and Third Sector organisations.

Visit the website for further details and to book a place.

For queries contact Sally Middleton:

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6. International Migration, Health and Human Rights

The International Organization for Migration in partnership with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)** has published a new report on: “International Migration, Health and Human Rights”

With this publication the three organisations are promoting the principle that the realisation of the rights of migrants is a sound public health practice that benefits all.

WHO Director General, Margaret Chan says that four principles should guide a public health approach in the context of migration. These are to:

“ensure fair access to health services, protect the fundamental right to health for migrants, put life-saving measures in place when migration results from conflicts or disasters, and guard against adverse health consequences associated with the stresses that often

accompany migration.”

Click here for further details and to download a free copy of the report.

7. A Crisis in Welfare

The New Statesman reports on the struggle faced by disabled people from minority communities who have been disproportionately affected by new rules on disability benefits and support.

Read the full article here.

We hope that you have found LaDDER useful and informative

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