Learning disability and reasonable adjustments

This hOT Topic contains information relating to occupational therapy for learning disability and reasonable adjustments.

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INTERNET RESOURCES

Improving Health and Lives IHAL
http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/projects/reasonableadjustments
The Improving Health and Lives Learning Disabilities Observatory aims to observe
• the health of people with learning disabilities
• the health care they receive
Includes a page describing reasonable adjustments as well as a database using NHS examples.
http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/

National Development Team for Inclusion
https://www.ndti.org.uk/
Promotes the rights and inclusion of vulnerable people. Provides information and guidance on services making reasonable adjustments for people with learning disabilities.

Good practice example -
Gloucestershire Reasonable Adjustment Tool
Gloucestershire PCT amended their service specification to support the implementation of the Gloucestershire Reasonable Adjustments tool by the 2gether Foundation Trust. The tool gives an indicator of how learning disability services have supported individuals to better access mainstream services, and can also be applied to show how reasonable adjustments are being implemented across services and geographically. The tool is helping staff embed a culture of reasonable adjustments throughout the health community, and has enabled the capture of better quality data compared to previous contract monitoring which focused on caseload and contact data.

Good practice example -
Nene Pathfinder Clinical Comissioning Group has used a CQUIN to support a Health Check Reviewer (HCR) project. The Health Check Reviewer:
• Reports on the quality of health checks
• Ensures Health Action Plans (HAPs) are in place and monitored for quality
• Identifies barriers preventing delivery of HAP actions and proposes reasonable adjustments to overcome barriers
• Provides commissioners with data from the HCR database
Data collected by the HCR demonstrates that health checks have improved in quality since the beginning of the project with a significantly higher number of directly notable disease areas being discussed. The data also provides information on where to target services in the future.
http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/areas/pathfinders

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The Ideas Collective (2016) Keeping out of trouble: alternatives to prison or hospital for people with learning disabilities who get into trouble with the law United Kingdom. The Ideas Collective.


