

Mental health and learning disabilities

Ensuring that the health and care workforce has the education, skills, values, knowledge and behaviours needed to effectively deliver mental health and learning disability services, both now and in the future.

An estimated 1.5 million people in the UK live with a learning disability and approximately one in five experience some kind of mental health problem every year. To ensure that the health and care workforce is equipped with the knowledge, skills and values needed to provide the highest possible care, we've established programmes of work that support:

- development of the specialist mental health workforce
- development of the specialist adult learning disability workforce
- system-wide workforce development relating to the needs of adults
- experiencing mental health problems or people with a learning disability, autism or behaviour that challenges.

Each programme focus on developing the existing workforce, creating new roles through an understanding of identified needs and providing education and training that supports deployment of new service delivery models.

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