

Learning Disability Research Theme

Theme lead

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Areas of interest

The Learning Disability research theme is part of the Learning Disability and Neurobehavioral Clinical Academic Group (CAG), which bring together experts by experience, clinicians and researchers to ensure that the treatment we provide is based on evidence and is as effective as possible. The Learning Disability and Neurobehavioral Clinical Academic Group has developed the following care pathways:

- Complex physical health
- Autism
- Mental health
- Behavioural support
- Dementia

Theme objectives

The Learning Disability theme has a very broad remit that encompasses a wide range of potential studies with a focus on the experiences of service users, their families and co-production to improve the lives of people with learning disability.

Research

The researchers are:
Helen Justice (OT), Christine Goodban & Anne Walker (SLT) Rebecca Simmons (Nursing), Becky Cooper & Tony Levitan (Psychology) and Jessica Eccles (Psychiatry).

The following topics are currently part of the research theme:

- Exploring views of family and paid carers and adults with intellectual disabilities about their experience of occupational therapy using sensory integration-informed approaches
- Implementing the Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System (EDACS) across health and social care settings for adults with cerebral palsy to improve shared decision-making and eating and drinking outcomes.
- How do Speech and Language Therapists develop their practice? - An autoethnographic enquiry, using thematic analysis to identify common themes of practice development approaches
- Audit of ADHD clinic within ES Neurodevelopmental Service
- A focus group to gain qualitative feedback from family carers of service users of the West Sussex Learning Disability Enhanced Support Service
- Feeling at Home - Promoting homelike environments for people with intellectual disabilities living in group homes
- BAME service user evaluation
- PACF- Bridge funding: Co-producing recovery college courses with people with intellectual disabilities.
- Pass-it-on, Recover and Thrive (working title)
- Neurodivergent Brain Body Research Clinic
- Altering Dynamics of Autonomic Processing Therapy (ADAPT)

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