

## Announcement: Launch of “Special Measures?”

We’re delighted to announce that the British Psychological Society (BPS), Division of Clinical (DCP) Psychology grant funded 2-year project “Special measures?” - equality and diversity in feedback and outcome measures: progressing practice and practice-guidance on measures and methods for children and young people with learning disabilities (CYP-LD), their families and networks has commenced.

This project builds on previous collaborative work in this area, led by the LD Network of the DCP’s Children, Young People and their Families Faculty (CYPFF). It will progress the next phase of practice development to meet priorities identified by both clinical psychology and multidisciplinary networks including the DCP CYPF Faculty LD Network, CORC – Child Outcomes Research Consortium; Children and Young People’s Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (CYP-IAPT) London and SE Collaborative and CYP-IAPT Outcomes and Evaluation Group.

In order to promote equality and diversity in gathering feedback/views and measuring outcomes measures and to progress/revise practice and practice-guidance, the project will:

- Extend and update previous surveys on measures and methods for CYP-LD, their families and networks
- Interrogate other databases (e.g. Millennium Childhood Cohort Study (MCCS), CYP-IAPT) and systematically gather and analyse anonymised data on current tools (developing and comparing norms and distributions; collecting qualitative data on utility, validity)
- address gaps and increase diversity, particularly for children and young people with profound and multiple learning disabilities incorporating systematic literature and practice search and work with Experts by Experience.

CORC (Child Outcomes Research Consortium) will host and participate in the project. Jeni McElwee, Neil Phillips and Ro Rossiter, from the LD Network will be leading the project streams, with Professor Eric Emerson also collaborating.

- Jeni McElwee (Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Child and Adolescent Learning Disability Service (CALDS) and Child Development Advisor Service, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board) leads for Profound and Multiple LD participation & service users.
- Neil Phillips (Service Lead/Clinical Psychologist, LD-CAMHS, Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust) leads for the survey update and analysis supported by Emi Demjen (Assistant Psychologist)
- Ro Rossiter (Clinical Psychologist & Honorary Researcher, Tizard Centre, University of Kent) is the Project Manager.
- Eric Emerson (Emeritus Professor of Disability & Health Research, Lancaster University & University of Sydney) leads for interrogation of Millennium Childhood Cohort Survey data and any other relevant national databases.
- Nick Tait (Programme Manager, CORC) will lead for CORC

We will collaborate with members across our Faculty, the Faculty for People with Intellectual Disabilities and Experts by Experience. Links will also be made with the Divisions of Educational and Child Psychology and Occupational Psychology. The project is multidisciplinary, investigate both collection and use of outcome measures and views across practice, service review and improvement, and cover all home nations.

The survey should be circulated near the end of June. For further project information contact:

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