



PCPLD Network

Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities

NEWS

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BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Annual National PCPLD conference 2016

"The latest research, developments and innovation in end of life care for people with learning disabilities"

Friday 4th November 2016 in Huddersfield

For registration details and to submit an abstract, see our [flyer](#).

We will announce the winners of the 2016 *The Linda McEnhill Award*

How to nominate can be found here:
<http://www.pcpld.org/linda-mcenhill-award/>

The closing date for nominations is **31 August 2016**. The winners will be notified by 30 September 2016 and will receive a free place at the annual PCPLD Network Conference!

PCPLD NETWORK—THE FUTURE

The PCPLD Network started in 1998 with a group of like-minded health and social care professionals coming together to promote best practice in end of life care for people with learning disabilities. In the intervening 18 years the network has grown significantly in size and status. The steering group has concluded that the next way forward is to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

In order to proceed, we need the approval of yourselves. We will therefore ask members **to vote on the new constitution** at the next Annual General Meeting on 4th November 2016 (at the national conference in Huddersfield)

What will change?

- There are **no changes in the aims, objectives** or activities of the PCPLD Network.
- All **income** must be used solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the PCPLD Network.
- We will remain a membership organisation.
- **Trustees:** The affairs of the PCPLD Network will be managed by between 3 (minimum) and 10 (maximum) charity trustees. Trustees are appointed by all members (by voting) for a period of 3 years.

More information overleaf...

SUMMER TRAVEL TIPS



Helpful advice on travelling with a medical condition or a disability:

<http://www.insurancewith.com/travelling-with-a-medical-condition/>

A guide to airport and special needs travel:

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/05/03/airports-and-special-needs-travel-a-complete-guide/>

NEW PUBLICATIONS

by Irene Tuffney-Wijne and colleagues

Role confusion as a barrier to effective carer involvement for people with intellectual disabilities in acute hospitals: findings from a mixed-method study. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jan.13041/abstract>

Developing research, policy and practice in palliative care for people with intellectual disabilities will benefit everyone (Editorial). *Palliative Medicine*

<http://pmj.sagepub.com/content/30/7/613.full.pdf+html>

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- **The first 3 people** standing for the position of trustee on 4th November 2016 (if members vote for the change in constitution) are:
 - Jason Davidson
 - Irene Tuffrey-Wijne
 - Dr Annie Stewart

All three have served on the steering group for many years; Irene and Jason have both held the position of Chair.

The PCPLD Network will be **registered with the Charity Commission** and regulated by the appropriate charity law.

The PCPLD Network will have **limited liability**; the members of the CIO will have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

What happens next?

- If the change to the constitution is voted in on 4th November we will apply to the Charity Commission to become a CIO, in the meantime the PCPLD Network will continue to operate under the current constitution.
- Once the CIO is registered we will actively look to build a strong group of trustees with the necessary skills and expertise, and present these to the members for approval at the next AGM.
- The trustees can (and will) delegate the day-to-day running of the PCPLD Network to a **Management Group**. This group will be similar to the current steering group. It will include at least 1 family carer and 1 person with learning disabilities.

We will soon be adding the proposed constitution to our website for you all to see. We will let you know as soon as this is available. In the meantime thank you all for your continued support and we hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

For full article please click [here](#).