



## Confidential Inquiry into the premature deaths of people with learning disabilities (CIPOLD)

Funded by Department of Health

Conducted by University of Bristol and partners

Begins in (former) Avon and Gloucestershire areas  
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### Why the need for a CI?

- White Paper *Valuing People* (2001) '*evidence of illness and premature death amongst people with a learning disability is a major cause of concern for the Government*'
- Mencap's '*Treat me right*' report and campaign 2004
- Disability Rights Commission investigation 2006
- Mencap's '*Death by Indifference*' report 2007
- Michael Report (2008) '*there is evidence of a significant level of avoidable suffering and a high likelihood that there are deaths occurring which could be avoided*'

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### Aims of the CI

- To detect potentially avoidable and modifiable contributory factors in the care of a person with learning disabilities who has subsequently died
- To identify inadequate pathways of care or gaps in the treatment
- To contribute to the evidence base for best clinical and professional practice
- To provide information for PCTs and local authorities to guide the commissioning of services
- To establish a usable system for reporting the deaths of people with learning disabilities that can be replicated
- To improve the standard and quality of care for people with learning disabilities and ultimately their health outcomes.

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## The Confidential Inquiry team



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## The CI process

- Death of person with learning disabilities
- Reported via communication network
- Death logged and collection of core data
- Investigator appointed. Nurse allocated
- Investigation takes place. Family interviewed if appropriate
- Local Review Panel meeting and report. Feedback to family
- Report anonymised
- Overview Panel meeting to review several cases
- Aggregate findings to Department of Health



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## How you can help

- Report death of person with LD to CI team  
Tel: 0117 3310980  
Email: [ci-team@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:ci-team@bristol.ac.uk)
- Co-operation with Inquiry team
- Attendance at Local Review Panel meeting
- Any queries/concerns contact:  
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## ✦ Role of Learning Disability Nurses in the Confidential Inquiry

- To visit family carers and significant others.
- To interview them about the person who has died and understand the significant issues.
- To listen to all concerns.
- To highlight good practice
- To support them during the bereavement process.
- To signpost them to bereavement support services, as required

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