

Dear Colleague,

I am seeking your help in my doctoral research. I am studying the factors that influence learning disabilities nurses working in non-learning disabilities specific services. Some learning disabilities nurses work in health or social care services that provide care to people other than those with learning disabilities. For example, these might include dementia services, children's hospices or generic mental health services. People with learning disabilities might access these services, but they may not be specifically designed for them. However, the number of RNLDs employed in the NHS in England has dramatically decreased since 2010, related to a drop in applicants to learning disabilities nursing programmes, course closures and an increase in the number of RNLDs reaching retirement age (House of Commons Health Select Committee, 2018; NHS Digital, 2021). This study seeks to explain how perceptions of professional identity influence the employment of learning disabilities nurses in non-learning disabilities specific settings.

If you are a learning disabilities nurse working in these areas, I would like to hear from you. Please complete this short survey. It should only take 15 minutes to complete. Click on this link: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/lbsu/employment-of-rnlds-in-non-learning-disabilities-settings> for more information, or scan the QR code below.

If you have any questions about participating in the study, please contact the researcher Renée Francis on francir8@lsbu.ac.uk or Professor Ben Thomas on thomab13@lsbu.ac.uk

Thank you for your consideration.
Kind regards



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