Learning Disability and Dementia: Reviewing Current Evidence and Identifying Future Priorities for Research

Wednesday 24th June 2015
Great Hall, Lanyon Building, Queen’s University Belfast
4:45pm — 8:00pm
(light refreshments will be served)

It is recognised that Dementia has an increasing prevalence with people with Learning Disability. This workshop will disseminate innovative and recent research findings focusing on this area of practice. Dr Irene Tuffrey-Wijne and Dr Karen Watchman are both internationally renowned researchers who will demonstrate how suitable methodology can be used to carry out research sensitively with this vulnerable population.

Dr. Karen Watchman will present findings from a three year phenomenological study of people with Learning Disability and Dementia. These findings show that there is a lack of information about Dementia shared with people with learning disabilities post diagnosis. The findings of Dr. Irene Tuffrey-Wijne’s study are linked with this and will present recently developed evidence based Breaking Bad News Guidelines for people with learning disabilities and how this can be relevant to people with Dementia.

Mary Duffin is a family carer who speaks and represents family carers of people with Learning Disability at different events including at government level. She is an active member of the Bamford Review Group and the Service User Group (School of Nursing & Midwifery, QUB). Mary also has an interest in the topic of the workshop, Learning Disability and Dementia.

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