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News from BILD

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BILD ready to support the new health and social care qualifications

BILD is pleased to announce it will be offering support to the learning disabilities pathways in the new health and social care qualifications from January 2011. Preparations are well underway to ensure practical support is available to organisations and individuals to take up the new qualifications.

BILD believes that people with a learning disability have a right to be supported by a well trained and qualified workforce and has over 10 years experience of delivering qualifications to the learning disability workforce. BILD currently supports over 2,000 learners taking qualifications.

The Level 2 and 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care will replace the LDQ and NVQ in Health and Social Care from January. BILD will offer the Adults with Learning Disabilities Pathway through the Diploma, together with the Level 2 and 3 Certificate in Supporting People with Learning Disabilities.

BILD is also busy preparing new books to help support people going through the new qualifications. The first of these books should be published in April.

“We are really excited by the new qualifications and feel that we are well prepared for the change over in January”, said BILD Qualifications manager, Jackie Pountney, “We have been busy supporting our Satellite Centres to develop their training and assessment programmes for the new qualifications and can offer support to individual learners so they can fit studying around their work.”

For more information about how BILD can support organisations to offer the new qualifications to their workforce, or how individuals can be supported to take a course themselves, contact Jackie Pountney on 01562 723018 or email qualifications@bild.org.uk

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Notes:

BILD (The British Institute of Learning Disabilities) is based in Kidderminster, Worcestershire and was founded in 1971.

BILD's vision is a society where people with learning disabilities are equal citizens and have access to the support and services they need. We work to make this happen in partnership with people with a learning disability and family carers. They are the real 'experts', knowing what support is needed, and what needs to change to improve the quality of their lives.

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