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New Chief Executive at the British Institute of Learning Disabilities

BILD, the British Institute of Learning Disabilities has appointed Ann Chivers as its new Chief Executive in a move designed to build upon the organisation's recent successes and strengthen its ability to serve the needs of those it works with.

Keith Smith, who has stepped down as Chief Executive after seven years in the role, will continue to work for BILD in the area of project development, meeting the growing demand for collaborative working with a range of learning disability service organisations.

"I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ann Chivers as BILD's new Chief Executive", said Alan Jefferson, Chair of BILD Trustees. "In her current role Ann has made a significant contribution to the organisation's development and shown she has the skills needed to strengthen and maintain our mission to improve the quality of life experienced by people with a learning disability. I am particularly pleased that Keith's new role will enable his skills to continue to be used to develop high quality services."

"The context in which health and social care services for people with a learning disability are provided is a rapidly changing one and over the last 12 months BILD has undergone major changes to ensure that it can continue to provide professional leadership and support. There are exciting plans for further development of our services. I am confident that these plans and Ann's leadership will foster and support continuing improvements in the lives of the people we serve."

Ann, who was previously BILD's Delivery Services Manager, has a background in management consultancy supporting organisations to develop strategic partnerships, implementing change management programmes and significant experience in working with colleges and the learning and skills sector to strengthen their work with businesses and the wider community.

"I am delighted to be working with a great team of knowledgeable and experienced staff whose passion to make a difference in the quality of people's lives resonates throughout the organisation", said Ann Chivers. "I am looking forward to building strong partnerships with other organisations who share BILD's passion and vision. We're currently looking at all our projects and services to make sure they contribute to helping organisations and workers provide the right support, so making a lasting difference in the lives of people with learning disabilities and their families. That is what BILD is for".

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Notes for Editor

For more information or to arrange a telephone interview with Ann Chivers, please contact BILD's Communications Manager, Peter Salisbury on 01562 723010 or email p.salisbury@bild.org.uk

BILD, The British Institute of Learning Disabilities has a vision of 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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