

Ageing well

Promoting a better understanding of the lives and needs of older people with a learning disability

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BILD in Learning Disability Week, 16–22 June 2014: Building a better understanding of the lives and needs of older people with a learning disability

- **Monday** focused on what older people are telling us about what is important to them and some of the background information about support for older people with learning disability, see the email newsletter here: <http://bit.ly/1kHrGRb>
- On **Tuesday** we looked at older families and support for family carers: <http://bit.ly/1qb8Ne1>
- On **Wednesday** we looked at the challenge for providers in planning and delivering good support for older people with a learning disability: <http://bit.ly/1qb8Vu5>
- **Thursday** covered health, well being and good dementia support: <http://bit.ly/1kvyLoM>
- On **Friday** we provided a roundup of the key issues from the week including messages from a number of people about what we need to do next: <http://bit.ly/1s79k1P>

BILD is committed to developing its ageing well work going forward. We plan to:

- Promote good practice by continuing to build and develop the Ageing Well section of the BILD website: www.bild.org.uk/ageingwell
- Publish an important new book in this area this autumn, *Understanding good support for older people with a learning disability* by Cally Ward, this will be an addition to BILD's good support series books: www.bild.org.uk/our-services/books/good-support/
- Build a network of people interested in this topic – we will be holding an event in the autumn to develop this work
- Support people with learning disabilities and target staff at the front line of support - we're developing training materials on ageing well, for both front line staff and people with a learning disability. If you would like to work with us on this - get in touch
- Highlight the issues and ways forward - we'll be promoting the special issue of the British Journal of Learning Disabilities on ageing and people with a learning disability

Finally, if you are considering any training or projects relating to good support for older people and their family carers and would like to work with BILD, please get in touch. Contact Lesley Barcham, BILD's Ageing Well project manager, on 0121 415 6960 or l.barcham@bild.org.uk