

NETWORK NEWS

News from the London Network of Nurses and Midwives Homelessness Group

Summer 2026

Welcome to the Summer edition of **Network News** from the London Network of Nurses and Midwives Homelessness Group (LNNM).

Each edition will bring you the latest news, events, training opportunities, policy developments and examples of good practice across the homelessness and inclusion health sector. If you have any information, events or examples of practice you'd like to share, please get in touch via the link at the end of this page.

Remembering Liz Keat

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our dear colleague, Liz Keat.

Liz was a remarkable nurse, leader and advocate whose compassion touched many lives. As the Homeless and Inclusion Health Integration Lead in Leeds, Liz dedicated her career to improving healthcare for people experiencing homelessness and health inequalities.

Many of our members will remember Liz from our last conference where she delivered a deeply moving and memorable presentation. Her warmth, humour and unwavering commitment to compassionate care for people experiencing homelessness left a lasting impression on everyone who heard her speak that day.

To honour Liz's memory, the LNNM are considering how to create a lasting legacy that reflects the values she championed and the impact she made on people's lives. We'll share more with you soon. For now, we simply remember an exceptional nurse and inspiring colleague who will always remain in our hearts.

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Celebrating Our Trustees

It's been a proud few months for LNNM as we celebrated two of our trustees, whose exceptional leadership and commitment to nursing received national recognition.



Jane Cook Trustee and former Chair, LNNM

Jane Cook proudly received a **Gold Chief Nursing Officer Award** – one of the highest honours in nursing.

Her award was presented by Karen Bonner, Chief Nurse for NHS England (London) surrounded by her Groundswell and LNNM colleagues and twin brother, in recognition of her lifetime dedication to inclusion health.

Throughout her career, Jane has been a passionate advocate for people experiencing homelessness and social inclusion, championing equalities and person-centred care.



Dame Crystal Oldman DBE Chair, LNNM

Last month, Crystal was appointed a **Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)** in the King's Birthday Honours.

This prestigious honour recognises her outstanding services to nursing and her decades of leadership in community nursing. During her time as Chief Executive of the Queen's Institute of Nursing (formerly QNI), she championed community nursing across the UK, strengthening professional standards, developing leadership programmes and raising the profile of nursing as a profession.

Congratulations to both on their well-deserved awards. We are incredibly grateful for the contribution they continue to make to homelessness and inclusion health, nursing, and the LNNM.

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Reports and Briefings

Immigration and the NHS: the evidence

The briefing from the Health Foundation examines the relationship between immigration and the NHS. It looks at the contribution of internationally recruited health and social care staff, patterns of NHS use by migrants, and the evidence behind common assumptions about migration and the demands on the healthcare system.

[Read the full briefing](#)

Cervical screening care for women living with the impact of sexual violence and abuse: a systematic review

This review brings together evidence to show that practical, emotional and structural barriers influence screening attendance among women living with the impact of sexual violence and abuse, and identifies compassionate, trauma-informed approaches emphasising trust, communication, choice and control as key to improving experiences.

The findings support the need for cervical screening services to embed compassionate care across the screening pathway and highlights priorities for future research to develop and evaluate enhanced models of care for women affected by SV&A.

[Read the full briefing](#)

New report highlights the impact of nature-based health projects led by Community Nurses

A new QICN report showcases the impact of five innovative community nursing projects. The NGS Elsie Wagg Innovation Scholarship, funded by the National Garden Scheme (NGS), supports community nurses to develop and implement projects that harness the health benefits of gardens, gardening and outdoor activity.

The five scholarship projects supported a diverse range of people, and all demonstrated the powerful role that access to green spaces and meaningful outdoor activity can play in supporting physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

[Visit the QICN website](#) to find out more

New reports by the Shared Health Foundation

Two new reports The Together Service and The Crib's Homeless Families Project summarise Shared Health's work over the past five years in supporting homeless women and families through the pregnancy journey: from preconception, through to the postnatal period, with a focus on the importance of the first 1,001 days of life.

[Visit the Shared Health Foundation website](#) to find out more

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Resources and Support



Feeding Recovery Handbook

The Feeding Recovery Handbook from Alcohol Change UK shows how connecting with others around food can promote wellbeing and reduce harm. It draws on their own research and that of others, as well as the views and insights of people with direct personal experience of the issues they seek to address. The handbook offers a model for services supporting people facing a range of challenges and obstacles in their lives, not just alcohol issues.

[Visit the Alcohol Change website to download the handbook](#)

How to talk about homes and immigration

This practical toolkit by Joseph Rowntree Foundation contains practical tips and tools for applying framing strategies in a range of contexts, with a specific focus on talking about homes and immigration.

[Find out more](#)

Staying Safe in the Hot Weather

As we reach record temperatures in the UK, keep up to date with the latest practical advice and ways to support people experiencing homelessness during hot weather, including heat-health alerts and government guidance.

[Visit the Shelter website](#)

Inclusion Health Audit Tool

This online tool is designed to audit engagement with inclusion health groups. It takes around 15 mins to complete and provides a tailored guide to help organisations embed action on tackling health inequalities into their everyday activities.

[Find out more](#)

Emergency Grants (Vicars Relief Fund)

Emergency grants, via the Vicar's Relief Fund (VRF), provide financial support to individuals who are at risk of losing their homes or who need to urgently find a place to live. Grants are up to £650 and include support for:

- Government regulated deposit schemes or rent in advance
- ID fees
- Emergency accommodation costs and removal costs for relocation

[Find out more](#)

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Training and Events

Pathway Masterclass: It's not Radical to Keep People Alive

Tuesday 28 July 2026, 3.30pm – 5.00pm, Online

Pathway Fellow Gill Taylor will share the preliminary findings from her Churchill Fellowship research into harm reduction as safeguarding for people experiencing homelessness and social exclusion. Gill's research explores the connection between harm reduction, safeguarding and inclusion health with a focus on supporting individuals who experience self-neglect and face severe drug-related risks and harms.

[Find out more and secure your place](#)

Caring or Triggering: an international study on safety and substance use in homeless shelters

Wednesday 30 September 2026, 10.00am – 11.00am, Online

This webinar will explore how homelessness shelter environments shape substance use among residents, and residents' ability to transition towards independent living. It draws on comparative international research across three cities and will discuss how perceptions of safety and risk within shelters can lead to residents' social withdrawal and isolation, increasing the likelihood of substance use.

[Find out more and secure your place](#)

Psychological Practitioner in Homelessness PGCert Programme

This fully online course is designed for staff working in homelessness services. The programme will equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively engage service users and make strategic and impactful changes to homelessness service provision. There are 15 places available, and the course is fully funded. **Applications close on 15 December 2026.**

[Email to find out more](#)

Open Course: Embedding human rights legal duties in mental health inpatient care

Starting in September 2026, The British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) is excited to be re-running our three-part online training programme focused on implementing the legal duties placed on staff working across mental health services to take a human rights-based approach.

[Contact BIHR to express your interest by 19th August 2026](#)

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QICN Annual Conference: Care, Equity and the Road Ahead – Community Nurses Leading Change

Thursday 22 October 2026, 8.30am – 5.15pm Millennium Point Birmingham
(virtual option available)

This year's conference will focus on how community nurses are driving innovation, addressing health inequalities, and leading system-wide transformation. The programme will explore both the current challenges facing community nursing and the opportunities ahead, through inspiring keynote sessions, expert panels, and practical insights.

[Find out more and book your place](#)

Frontline Network Conference 2026 – session recordings

The 2026 Frontline Network Annual Conference was held in June this year, bringing frontline workers, partners, speakers and sector colleagues from across the UK together for a day of online learning, reflection and practical insight. This year's sessions explored a wide range of topics identified by frontline workers and partners. These included moral injury, neurodiversity, mental health support, working with stigmatised and criminalised communities, migrant services, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller homelessness, creating safer services for trans people, and responding to the threat of the far right.

[Watch the recordings here](#)

If you would like to access training on any of the areas covered in the conference but budget is a barrier, you can [apply to their Training Fund](#) for up to £500 for individual training and up to £1,500 for group training.

Upcoming LNNM Events

Connect, Share and Learn

This Autumn, we'll be launching our new networking series with two free London events. They will provide an opportunity to exchange ideas, share good practice and hear what's happening across London's homelessness and inclusion health community. Dates to follow shortly.

Safeguarding Masterclasses

We're delighted to be bringing back our popular Safeguarding Masterclasses with Professor Michael Preston-Shoot and Mike Ward. The first online session takes place on **Monday 12 October, 4pm to 5.30pm**. Bookings open at the end of August.