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News from the London Network of Nurses and Midwives Homelessness Group

Autumn 2026

Welcome to the Autumn edition of **Network News** from the London Network of Nurses and Midwives Homelessness Group (LNNM). Each quarterly edition brings the latest news, events, training opportunities, policy developments and examples of good practice across the homelessness and inclusion health sector. If you have anything you'd like to share, please get in touch via the link at the end of this page.

Safeguarding: Sharing learning and improving practice

In this edition, we're pleased to share our latest **Safeguarding Masterclasses Report 2025–2026**, bringing together learning from three sessions held between November 2025 and March 2026.



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The report highlights some of the challenges practitioners face when supporting people experiencing homelessness and multiple disadvantage, including mental capacity, fragmented services and difficulties escalating safeguarding concerns. Importantly, it also identifies opportunities to strengthen practice and improve how services can work together more effectively.

Building on this work, we were delighted by the success of our October safeguarding masterclass, led by Professor Michael Preston-Shoot and Mike Ward.

The session was well attended, and generated some thoughtful discussions, particularly around how services engage with people with complex needs. Notes from the session are available to download here.

We're looking forward to continuing these conversations with two further sessions over the coming months - dates to be announced. These sessions offer a valuable opportunity to share experiences, discuss challenging cases and learn from colleagues across the sector, so we hope you will join us and let others know.

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Policy & Research

New Report on Global Homelessness and Climate Change

Depaul International have published their latest report exploring how climate change affects people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, calling for stronger protections and policies.
Visit their website for more information

On different roads: reconciling Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities with healthcare provision in the UK

This paper explores persistent health inequalities experienced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. The authors highlight how discrimination, digital exclusion and inflexible services can create barriers to care, while challenging assumptions that poor engagement reflects a lack of health awareness.
Download the report

Health Needs of Sex Workers

The University of Birmingham published a multi-method study into the health needs of sex workers, also looking at factors that enable or hinder them from accessing services. The findings will be interesting to anyone designing or working in services supporting sex workers.
Read the full article here.

Protecting the wellbeing of frontline homelessness workers

A new open access UK study looks at what predicts professional quality of life among 170 frontline workers in third-sector homelessness organisations.
Read the full article

Rough Sleeping Programme Guidance

The Prime Minister, on his first day in office, announced an urgent national drive to end rough sleeping, stating that everyone should have a route off the streets this winter.
Find out more

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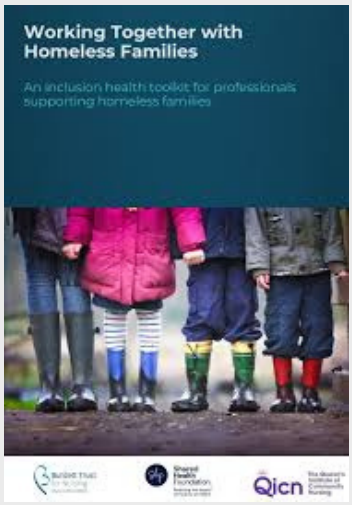
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Resources & Funding

Liver Smart

Pathway Fellow Dr. Kate Pitt has co-designed this e-module on liver disease with people with lived experience of the condition and who are overcoming addiction, from the Common Ambition service in Brighton and Hove. Designed for community healthcare professionals, it includes practical advice and resources to help people to improve their liver health.

Register for free



Download here

Working together with families who are homeless: an inclusion health toolkit for professionals supporting homeless families

Family homelessness is one of the most significant health challenges facing children today, and currently there is an alarming 135,580 families living in temporary accommodation. Community professionals are uniquely placed to identify needs earlier, co-ordinate support, and make life changing outcomes.

This toolkit is intended to help community nurses and their partners to identify need earlier, reduce health inequalities and improve outcomes for families experiencing homelessness through compassionate, evidence informed and multi agency practice.

The authors Jane Cook, Lisa Gavin and Anne Dowling will be presenting the toolkit at the Homeless and Inclusion Health (HIH) Network Meeting on Thursday 12th November 2026.

New MHRA factsheet: pneumococcal vaccine

The MHRA has published a new patient factsheet on the pneumococcal vaccine. It covers pneumococcal disease and vaccination, the types of vaccines, their safety and effectiveness, possible side effects, and how to report suspected side effects through the MHRA Yellow Card scheme.

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Supporting vaccination of people experiencing homelessness

This toolkit from the UK Health Security Agency brings together evidence, national guidance, practical resources and examples of local practice to support stakeholders in planning, commissioning and delivering vaccination services for people experiencing homelessness.
Read here

Inclusion Health in Practice: A Co-Produced Toolkit for Commissioners and Providers

This toolkit translates policy, evidence and lived experience into five practical recommendations that can be applied within both specialist services and mainstream provision: Build Trust First; Embed Peer Roles; Provide Integrated, Holistic, People-Centred Approaches; Build in Accessibility to Increase Engagement and Uptake; Tailor Approaches to Increase Relevance.

Together, these recommendations provide a practical framework for improving access, experience, and outcomes, supporting efforts to reduce health inequalities and deliver more inclusive, person-centred services.
Download the toolkit

Sustaining Accommodation Fund

The St Martins in the Field Charity has opened a new round of their Sustaining Accommodation Fund, offering flexible grants to help people maintain their accommodation and prevent homelessness or repeat homelessness.
Closing: 27 Nov 2026

Find out more

Neighbourhood Health: Community Engagement Awards

The Burdett Trust for Nursing awards support nurse-led, co-produced initiatives that engage under-served or minoritised communities. They can be used to enhance existing work or start new projects that listen to community voices and address health inequities.
Closing: 14 Dec 2026

Find out more

Grants to assist the most vulnerable in society

The Bernard Sunley Foundation is awarding three levels of grants to assist the most vulnerable in society such as those seeking help with addiction, homelessness, ex-offenders and victims of domestic and sexual abuse.
Rolling programme, no deadline

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Training and Events

Free Stigma and Rights Training

Groundswell

1.30pm on multiple dates in Nov/Dec, Online

Groundswell is running free training for professionals, exploring how stigma undermines people's trust in healthcare services, and ultimately impacts their access to it. The training has been designed with those with lived experience and will cover practical approaches to creating a trauma-informed practice.

Find out more and register

Homeless and Inclusion Health (HIH) Network Meeting

The QICN

Thursday 12 November 2026, 3pm - 4.30pm, Online

This free HIH network meeting is open to anyone working or interested in the inclusion health sector. Speakers at this meeting include:

- Jane Simons, Clinical Director Delivery Lead at VIA who will talk through the process of setting up one of the first women-only detox services in England.
- Andrew Misell, Director for Wales at Alcohol Change UK who will present The Feeding Recovery Project, a unique and holistic approach to rehab which looks to rebuild people's relationship with nourishment.
- Jane Cook, Lisa Gavin and Anne Dowling who will discuss the launch of the Homeless Families Toolkit for professionals.

Reserve your place

Dying Homeless Project 2025: Unequal even in Death

Part of the homelessness series at King's College London

Tuesday 17 November 2026, 10am - 11am, Online

This webinar will share and discuss the latest findings from the UK-wide Dying Homeless Project, an annual investigation by the Museum of Homelessness.

As well as sharing an overview of the 2025 findings, the presentation will reflect on inequalities in the causes, geographies and recording practices around homeless deaths and what this says about the action needed to prevent future deaths.

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Destitution in the UK 2026 Webinar

Joseph Rowntree

Thursday 26 November 2026, 2pm to 3.30pm, Online

The UK should be a country where everyone can afford the essentials they need to get by. Instead, too many people are experiencing destitution. This means not being able to meet their barest physical needs to stay warm, dry, clean and fed.

Join this event to hear more about how destitution has changed since 2022 and the experiences of groups most at risk of destitution.

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LAUNCH of Mental Capacity & Homelessness Study: Guidance & Tool and Animation

Part of the HSCWRU Homelessness Event Series

Thursday 17 Dec 2026, 10-11.00am, Online

This webinar will share the Guidance & Tool co-produced as part of the NIHR-funded study "Use of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 with people experiencing multiple exclusion homelessness in England" which has explored practitioner attitudes and approaches to mental capacity assessments with people experiencing homelessness and multiple disadvantage, and lived experience perspectives on decision making, engagement with services, and service 'intervention'. The first public viewing of the 5 min animation will share the key findings from the study.

Find out more and reserve your place

Pathways from Homelessness Conference 2027

10th – 11th March 2027, In person and online

Join Pathway at its 16th International Homelessness and Inclusion Health Conference. Speakers include:

- Dr Dame Crystal Oldman DBE, CBE: Community Nursing Consultant; Trustee, Pathway)
- Professor Kamila Hawthorne MBE: Chair, Pathway
- Professor Subodh D2ave FRCPsych MMed (Clinical Education): President, Royal College of Psychiatrists; Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust; Professor of Psychiatry, University of Greater Manchester
- Gill Taylor: System Transformation in Homelessness, Safeguarding & Inclusion Health, Pathway

Find out more and reserve your place