

Scottish

Learning Disabilities

Observatory

**December 2017**

This e-newsletter from SLDO brings you all the exciting news on the latest work of the Observatory and on events that are coming up that may be of interest to you.

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## Welcome

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Welcome to our Christmas edition of the SLDO newsletter. We have had a busy and successful year, with our [conference](#) focussing on Mental Health - one of our highlights! We have had lots of opportunities to talk about our work to children and young people, members of the public, third sector organisations and people with learning disabilities and their families. We have also had a number of publications this year and exciting new projects approved. We are very much looking forward to continuing this vital work in the year ahead and sharing our findings through our new e-newsletter and through updates on our website and social media.

*Seasons greetings from the SLDO team*

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## Down Syndrome

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### **World Down Syndrome Congress**

The World Down Syndrome Congress will take place on 25th - 27th July 2018 in Glasgow. For further information please use the link below to go to their website. World Down Syndrome Congress (<http://www.wdsc2018.org.uk/>)

### **Down Syndrome Project & Publications**

The Observatory team have been working on various papers relating to Down Syndrome. Further information has been published on:

- Survival and hospitalisation rates of people with Down Syndrome born in Scotland 1990-2015: a population based cohort study
- Life expectancy and causes of death of people with learning disabilities: A systematic review

- Pregnancy outcome following prenatal diagnosis of chromosomal anomaly: a record linkage study of 26,261 pregnancies
- Multi-morbidity in a cohort of adults with intellectual disabilities, with and without Down Syndrome

The above papers can be viewed on our website [here](#)

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## SLDO Project Updates

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We have seen the publication of a number of papers from our wide ranging projects in high quality peer reviewed journals. Also look out for accessible summaries of these on our website.

Links to our latest publications:

How transition to adulthood affects health and wellbeing in young people with learning disabilities (<https://www.sldo.ac.uk/projects/children-and-young-people-health/transition/>)

Prevalence and general health status of people with learning disabilities in Scotland - a total population study (<https://www.sldo.ac.uk/projects/adult-health/census-2011-people-with-learning-disabilities/>)

Multi-morbidity in a cohort of adults with intellectual disabilities, with and without Down Syndrome (<https://www.sldo.ac.uk/projects/adult-health/down-syndrome/>)

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## SLDO Staff Updates

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### Job Advertisement

We will shortly be advertising for a new research assistant full time post (18 months) to work on a data linkage project investigating the health of older parent carers' health and its reciprocal effect on their ageing offspring with intellectual disabilities. This project is funded by the Baily Thomas Charitable Fund.

### New Staff

The Observatory has welcomed Laura Ward to the team. Laura is a part-time researcher and will be working on a project about the oral health of people with learning disabilities. Read more about [Laura](#) and her oral health [project](#) .

## Farewell

We said goodbye to Genevieve (Gen) Young-Southward. During Gen's time at the Observatory as a PhD student she focussed on the impact of transition to adulthood on health and wellbeing in young people with learning disabilities. Gen has written a blog reflecting on her time with us.

Read Gen's blog [here](#)

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## Events

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Scotland's National Learning Disability Week  
from Monday 14th - Sunday 20th May 2018

IASSID Europe Congress (<https://www.iassidd.org/>)  
Athens, 18th - 20th July 2018

World Down Syndrome Congress (<http://www.wdsc2018.org.uk/>)  
Glasgow 25th - 27th July 2018

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