

I am currently working on an alcohol misuse teaching pack for people who have mild learning disabilities and mental health problems. The increased community presence of this vulnerable group of people has resulted in problems of alcohol misuse which was not previously as apparent. This was undoubtedly due to the detention of this group of individuals in specialist learning disability hospitals prior to the publication of The Community Care Act 1990. In response to question 9 of the consultation document, I would say that people who have mild learning disabilities and mental health problems are a minority group who could benefit from a strategy that addresses issues of alcohol abuse.