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Therapeutics in Learning Disability Symposium a great success



Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) hosted the national Therapeutics in Learning Disability Symposium at the Leicester Marriott Hotel on 10 November.

The prestigious annual event had over 120 delegates in attendance, including consultants and specialists from across the country.

Now in its 20th year, the symposium was inaugurated by Cathy Ellis, Chair of LPT, featuring a patient video which brought the importance of patient-centred care to the forefront.

Eminent speakers from the Trust and across the country also featured in the event, hosting talks on topics such as ADHD and Epilepsy. These ran alongside workshops on topics such as Autism, forensic issues and movement disorders.

LPT's Learning Disability Primary Care Liaison Nurse, Amelia Boulton ran a workshop on breaking down barriers to Cancer screening for people with Learning Disability.

Dr Reza Kiani, Consultant in Psychiatry of Learning Disability at LPT, and Dr Samuel Tromans, Higher Academic Trainee in Psychiatry of Learning Disability at LPT, ran a workshop on movement disorders in patients with learning disability.

Dr Regi Alexander, Research Lead Consultant in Adult Developmental Disorders at LPT, presented the typologies of Autism in people with offending behaviour.

Dr Mary Barrett, Consultant in Psychiatry of Learning Disability and TPD at LPT, ran a workshop titled 'Women with Autism – missed and misunderstood'.

During the event, an Award for Outstanding Contribution to Services for People with Learning Disabilities was presented by Dr Peter Miller, Chief Executive of LPT. The award went to Mr Umarfarouq Jussab, Principal Consultant Optometrist at The Eye Clinics in Leicester, who has provided individualised eye care services for adults and children with mental ill health, autism and learning disability.

Dr Satheesh Kumar, Medical Director at LPT, delivered the welcome and final remarks at the event. He said: "The main aim of the event was to help to educate, with it also being a very useful networking opportunity. It was pleasing to see an individual with a learning disability also joining the event and interacting with speakers and other professionals. Feedback shows us that the audience – who were from a variety of professional backgrounds – enjoyed and benefitted from the event."

The programme received positive remarks for the wide variety of interesting topics presented.

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