



The NHS Benchmarking Network Driving Global Excellence in Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Benchmarking

International Mental Health Benchmarking – Working with the GLE

The NHS Benchmarking Network are delighted to be working in partnership with the GLE on the International Mental Health Benchmarking Project, a pioneering initiative that is redefining how mental health services are measured and improved worldwide. This collaboration brings together health systems from across Europe, North America, Asia, and Oceania, including confirmed participation from Sweden, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, and Canada, alongside the four UK nations.

The project focuses on key metrics such as access, workforce, outcomes, and service models, enabling participants to share best practices and identify opportunities for improvement. This work will culminate in a session at the Leadership Exchange in Canada in June 2026, where findings will be shared and discussed.

Learning Disabilities Datasets

The NHS Benchmarking Network also offer a number of datasets focused on various elements of healthcare for individuals with a learning disability.

We benchmark specialist learning disability services, as well as audit how other services are meeting the [Learning Disability Improvement Standards](#) across England. The combination of these two datasets support improvements in care quality and equity for people with learning disabilities.

We are also in the process of collecting data on the workforce employed within NHS funded services in England to care for individuals with a learning disability. The findings from this will be shared in early 2026.

If you would be interested in learning more about our work in this area, please get in touch with the team: enquiry@nhsbenchmarking.nhs.uk

Spotlight: Mental Health Event – 11th November

On 11th November, the NHS Benchmarking Network hosted our first-ever full-day virtual mental health webinar, bringing together interested individuals for an in-depth exploration of adult and older people's, and children and young people's mental health services. The event showcased our latest benchmarking findings, and provided a platform for discussion on emerging priorities such as workforce variation, productivity and areas of good practice.

A highlight of the day was a presentation by Sean Russell, who shared valuable insights from our previous international benchmarking projects.

Members of the NHS Benchmarking Network can access the slides and recording of the event here: <https://members.nhsbenchmarking.nhs.uk/events?event=498>