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## Inclusion North News



Inclusion North will share an important news story and tell you about their own work here every two weeks.



The Independent shared a story this week about the risk to people with a learning disability if the NHS don't provide more specialist nurses.



The number of specialist learning disability nurses working in the NHS has dropped by 44% over the last 14 years.



Mencap have warned that specialist nurses are vital in keeping patients with a learning disability safe in hospital, as they are trained to spot life-threatening illnesses such as sepsis.



They want this to be an important issue in the general election in July.

Someone from the Royal College of Nursing said



"I think regardless of which political party get in, they need to agree to more investment in learning disability nursing."

# Goodbye from the Citizenship Team



The Citizenship Team's work comes to an end on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.



We are all sad that it had to end especially after holding a successful conference which inspired a lot of the attendees to think about active citizenship.



We also understand that at the moment it is hard to find the money for projects to continue.



We are glad that Inclusion North are using our learning to inform their other work and that they are continuing to use the 7 keys to Citizenship with groups that they work with going forward.



We have all really enjoyed our experience with Inclusion North and getting to know each other as a team.



We were pleased to be able to gather the voices of 479 people during the project and hope that the findings from that will be used to inform other work to improve people's lives.



We wish you all well in your fight to improve things for people with a learning disability and autistic people.