



From the Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland's Intellectual Disability Faculty

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Dear Maree Todd MSP

Following your positive meeting with Dr Linda Findlay, the Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland, I would like to invite you to meet with representatives of our Intellectual Disability Faculty.

By working together in partnership, I believe that we have the opportunity to improve the experiences of people with intellectual disabilities in Scotland. To do so, however, will require careful consideration of the challenges facing intellectual disability services.

Our Intellectual Disability Faculty would welcome the opportunity to discuss:

- The health inequalities faced by people with intellectual disabilities.
- The impact of delayed discharges on people with intellectual disabilities.
- The need for high quality community placements, supported by skilled multidisciplinary clinicians, for people with intellectual disabilities.
- And the development of specialist services within Scotland for the small number of individuals with specific needs. For example, low secure services for females with intellectual disabilities, and services for individuals with autism and severe challenging behaviour.

Could you let us know of your availability to meet with representatives of our Intellectual Disability Faculty please? I hope to hear from your office soon.

With my very best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Dr Jana de Villiers

Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland's Intellectual Disability Faculty