

Updating online health information resources and tools for people with intellectual disability

Research Project Overview

Project title:	Updating online health information resources and tools for people with intellectual disability.
Project duration:	10 weeks
Description:	<p>Research shows that people with intellectual disabilities have a lower life expectancy with up to half of deaths being preventable. Although, on average, people with intellectual disability have 2.5 times the number of health problems than people without intellectual disability do, they are subject to greater health inequalities and unmet healthcare needs. Additionally, many people with intellectual disability experience undiagnosed or poorly managed chronic health conditions.</p> <p>One barrier which is amendable is the currently inaccessibility of health and medical information available.</p> <p>To address this gap, the Queensland Centre for Intellectual and Developmental Disability (QCIDD) have been producing resources and tools for people with intellectual disability, their support people and health professionals since 1997. These tools and resources are available here: qcidd.com.au or qcidd.centre.uq.edu.au/.</p> <p>However, these documents require updating to be more accessible through readability, design, accessible on mobile and that the content is accurate.</p> <p>This project will conduct literature searches and working with relevant clinicians to update the health and medical content of resources. Students will also update the design and functionality of resources and tools to ensure they are accessible.</p>
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	Students will develop literature review skills and gain experience revising up to 10 health online information resources or tools. Students will review the information to ensure it is in an accessible format for people with intellectual disability, their support people and health professionals (e.g. static webpages, pamphlets, etc).
Suitable for:	<p>This project is open to applications from students with an interest in disability or health.</p> <p>Clear written communication is essential.</p> <p>Experience working with people with intellectual disability preferred but not essential.</p>
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