# The impact of Intellectual Disability nurse specialists in the United Kingdom and Ireland: A systematic review

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## Aim:

The purpose of this systematic review is to evaluate Intellectual Disability nurse specialists effectiveness in person-centred care for people with intellectual disability.

### Australian Intellectual Disability Health

- 2.9% of the Australian population have ID
- People with ID lifespan is 27 years less than the general population.
- 38% of deaths of people with ID are potentially avoidable.
- Many of these avoidable deaths are incorrectly attributed to an individual's disability

#### Australian National Research Health Priorities

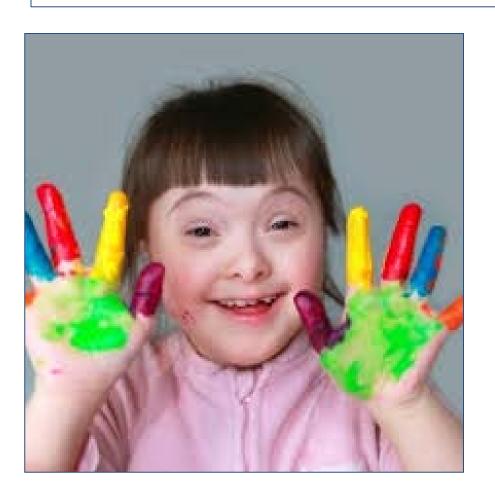
- 2006 United Nations 'Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities'
  - Article 25: Health
- Council of Australian Governments 'National Disability Strategy 2010-2020'
  - Priority 6: Health and Wellbeing
- WHO 'Global Disability Action Plan 2014-2021'

## What is Intellectual Disability?

'Impairment from birth, but can be acquired through accident or disease during the brains development up to the age of 18 years'.

(World Health Organisation, 2017)

## Intellectual Disability Classification



• Mild ID (IQ 50-70)

Moderate ID (IQ 35-49)

• Severe ID (IQ 20 - 34)

Profound ID (IQ > 20)

#### Person-centred Care:

Principle of Person-centred care is a central tenet underpinning the delivery of nursing care and health care generally.

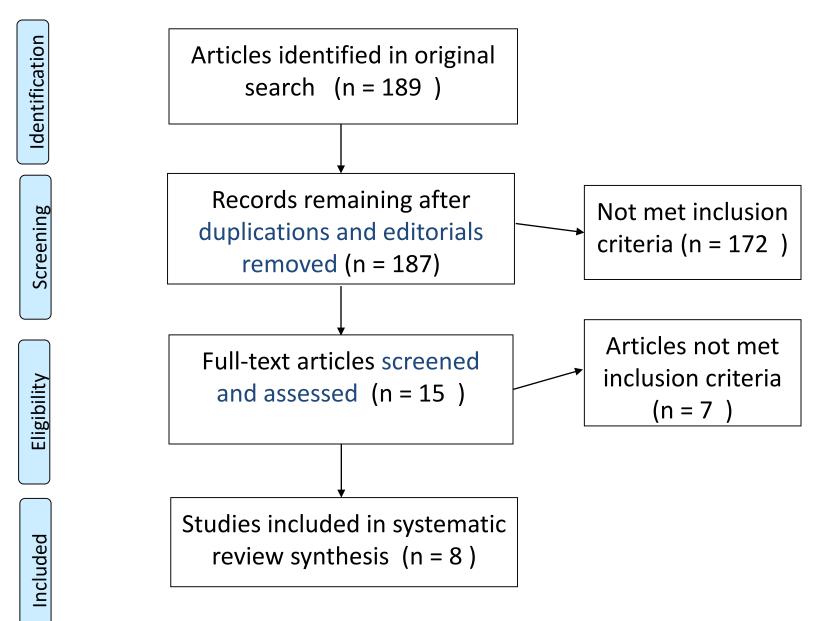
- Treating each person as an individual
- Protecting a person's dignity
- Respecting a person's rights and preferences; and
- Developing a therapeutic relationship between the care provider and care recipient which is build on mutual trust and understanding.

(Australian College of Nursing, 2016)

# Methodology

'What is the impact of Intellectual Disability nursing models of care in achieving person-centred care in the general healthcare sector for people with intellectual disabilities?'

| Inclusion   | Exclusion   |
|---|---|
| Published between 2007-17 Published in English  | Papers based upon opinion or comment  |
| Peer review primary research articles investigate the effectiveness of intellectual disability nursing models and determine their impact on person-centred care delivery to individuals with ID and their families. | Papers lacking formal research evaluation  People with Intellectual Disabilities. |



# Results

| Main Themes                | Sub-themes  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Person-centred Care        | <ol> <li>Holistic</li> <li>Communication</li> </ol>                           |
| Organisational Development | Systems and Coordination of Care  |
| Practice Development       | <ol> <li>Professional Development</li> <li>Client/Family Education</li> </ol> |

## Person-centred Care

Holistic

Communication



## Organisational Development

Systems and Care Co-ordination



## Practice Development

- Professional Development
- Client/Family Education



## Discussion

| Hospital Length of Stay | PRE:<br>LD Liaison<br>Nurse | POST:<br>LD Liaison<br>Nurse |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Up to 40 Days           | 12%                         | 4%                           | 8%<br>Decrease  |
| Up to 10 Days           | 30%                         | 50%                          | 20%<br>INCREASE |

## Limitations

- Intellectual Disability Nurse Specialist based in the United Kingdom and Ireland
- Qualitative research articles limited

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