

## Local networks and community of practice about positive behavioural support (PBS), people with intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities and autistic people

- Having local networks can help you share what's worked well and learn from others, to improve best practice.
- These networks have different focuses including supporting autistic people, people with learning disabilities/intellectual disabilities, and/or the use of PBS – or a combination of the above.
- If you want to join a local network, use this list to find their details and get in touch.
- Each network is different so make sure you ask how they're run and who can join.

Name	Nature of group	Contact
<p>Association for Positive Behaviour Support Network</p> <p>Facilitated by British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD)</p>	<p>This is an international network, and BILD facilitates it in the UK.</p> <p>It's a member organisations that does various activities relating to PBS, including a forum, an annual conference, a quarterly newsletter, policy development and training.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.apbs.org">www.apbs.org</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b> Sarah Leitch <a href="mailto:s.leitch@bild.org.uk">s.leitch@bild.org.uk</a></p>
<p>Avon and Wiltshire PBS network</p>	<p>This network is for social care providers, families, carers, professionals and other agencies.</p> <p>They hold free monthly events and a bi-annual conference.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.positivebehaviour.wordpress.com">www.positivebehaviour.wordpress.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/avonandwiltshirepbsnetwork/">https://www.facebook.com/avonandwiltshirepbsnetwork/</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b> Alan Nuttall 0117 9709388 <a href="mailto:alann@milestonetrust.org.uk">alann@milestonetrust.org.uk</a></p> <p>Tracy Cox <a href="mailto:t.cox@cts-homes.co.uk">t.cox@cts-homes.co.uk</a></p>

<p>Centre for the Advancement of Positive Behaviour Support (CAPBS) coaches network</p> <p>Facilitated by BILD</p>	<p>This network is for individuals who've passed BILD's CAPBS Coaches Programme, to discuss challenges and share good practice with peers about implementing PBS.</p> <p>They organise CPD events and meetings, and there's an open Facebook group which anyone can join.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bild.org.uk/capbs/capbscoachesnetwork/">www.bild.org.uk/capbs/capbscoachesnetwork/</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b> Emily Huggard <a href="mailto:e.huggard@bild.org.uk">e.huggard@bild.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Social media</b> Facebook page for coaches who've been on the programme: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/BILDPBSCOACHES">www.facebook.com/groups/BILDPBSCOACHES</a></p> <p>Open Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BILDCAPBS/">https://www.facebook.com/BILDCAPBS/</a></p>
<p>Essex Community of Practice</p>	<p>This is an informal group who meet on the first Friday of the month between 13.00 and 16.00. It's open to anyone who's interested in PBS.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Helen Stone <a href="mailto:helen.m.stone@hotmail.co.uk">helen.m.stone@hotmail.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Social media</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PositiveBehaviourSupportEssexCop/">www.facebook.com/PositiveBehaviourSupportEssexCop/</a></p>
<p>Greater London Learning Disability Community of Practice</p>	<p>This community is for people with learning disabilities, families, carers and professionals to collaborate and share ideas. It's a safe space for members to share experiences and showcase good practice.</p> <p>They offer online resources, an online forum and a closed Facebook group for members.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.greaterlondoncommunityofpractice.wordpress.com">www.greaterlondoncommunityofpractice.wordpress.com</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b> <a href="mailto:greaterlondonldcop@gmail.com">greaterlondonldcop@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Social media</b> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterLondonCoP/">www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterLondonCoP/</a></p>

<p>Greater Manchester PBS Community of Practice</p>	<p>This community wants to give care providers and other organisations the opportunity to work collaboratively and share good practice.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bild.org.uk/our-services/communities/gmpbs/">www.bild.org.uk/our-services/communities/gmpbs/</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b>          Laura Higgins  <a href="mailto:l.higgins@bild.org.uk">l.higgins@bild.org.uk</a></p> <p>David Williams  <a href="mailto:David.Williams@srft.nhs.uk">David.Williams@srft.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><b>Social media</b>          Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/GMPBSCOP/">www.facebook.com/groups/GMPBSCOP/</a></p>
<p>Hampshire Least Restrictive Practice Team</p>	<p>This forum is for care providers and/or related organisations to discuss and offer peer support on a range of subjects around PBS and least restrictive practice. They meet every other month and have talks and contributions from a range of stakeholders.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:LeastRestrictivePractice.Shared@hants.gov.uk">LeastRestrictivePractice.Shared@hants.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>Hertfordshire PBS community of practice</p>	<p>This community works collaboratively to develop PBS practice in Hertfordshire. They do this by sharing good practice and aiming for consistency in approach and language.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b>          Zoe Armstrong  <a href="mailto:zoe.armstrong@hertfordshire.gov.uk">zoe.armstrong@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>Kent, Surrey and Sussex Intellectual Disability Community of Practice</p>	<p>This group was set up by local people who care about people with learning disabilities experiencing good health and wellbeing, and good services.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ldcop.org.uk">www.ldcop.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:info@ldcop.org.uk">info@ldcop.org.uk</a></p>

	<p>They work with carers, care workers and professionals to help them provide the best quality care and support and improve equality and access.</p> <p>They do this through meetings, events, social media and on the internet.</p> <p>This is an open community which anyone who's interested in PBS can join.</p>	<p>Emily Huggard  <a href="mailto:e.huggard@bild.org.uk">e.huggard@bild.org.uk</a></p> <p>Clare Leahy  <a href="mailto:c.leahy@bild.org.uk">c.leahy@bild.org.uk</a></p>
<p>North East and Cumbria PBS Hub</p>	<p>This community of practice operates across the region and is support by three PBS workforce development managers. It supports local providers family groups, commissioners and others interested in developing the quality of PBS.</p> <p>They facilitate forums and groups so people can share best practice and experiences. They provide support and guidance and develop information on PBS practice.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.pbsnec.co.uk">www.pbsnec.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b>  Alison Branch  <a href="mailto:Alisonbranch@nhs.net">Alisonbranch@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Melissa Sherring, Workforce Development Manager in PBS  07775 410011  <a href="mailto:Melissa.Sherring@nhs.net">Melissa.Sherring@nhs.net</a></p> <p><b>Social media</b>  Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/PBSNEC">www.facebook.com/PBSNEC</a>  Twitter: @PBSNEC</p>
<p>North Midlands regional network</p>	<p>This is a new network. Contact them for more information.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b>  Vicky Romilly, Clinical Director, Notts Healthcare Trust  Anne Tebbs, Commissioning Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council</p> <p><a href="mailto:TCPlearninganddevelopment@nottshc.nhs.uk">TCPlearninganddevelopment@nottshc.nhs.uk</a></p>

North West PBS network	This network gives anyone working with people with learning disabilities who display behaviour which challenges, including care workers, providers and trainers, the chance to meet and share good practice.	<p><b>Contact</b> David Williams <a href="mailto:David.Williams@srft.nhs.uk">David.Williams@srft.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><b>Social media</b> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Northwest-PBS-Network-529533597108621/">www.facebook.com/Northwest-PBS-Network-529533597108621/</a></p>
Nottinghamshire PBS and Behaviours of Concern Community of Practice	This community is for people who've passed BILD's CAPBS Coaches Programme and/or Personality and Attachment Disorder training in Nottinghamshire, to share good practice and resources with peers.	<p><b>Contact</b> Vicky Romilly, Clinical Director, Notts Healthcare Trust Anne Tebbs, Commissioning Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council</p> <p><a href="mailto:TCPlearninganddevelopment@nottshc.nhs.uk">TCPlearninganddevelopment@nottshc.nhs.uk</a></p>
Plymouth PBS Network	<p>This network holds quarterly events for professionals, education staff, social care staff, experts by experience and family members.</p> <p>The network supports people with all conditions including learning disability, older adults, autism and mental health).</p> <p>They have a Facebook page which raises awareness of PBS, shares evidence-based practice and offers peer support.</p>	<p><b>You can join the mailing list by emailing</b> <a href="mailto:admin@plymouthpbsnetwork.com">admin@plymouthpbsnetwork.com</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b> Leanne Eastman 01752 434033 <a href="mailto:Leanne.eastman@nhs.net">Leanne.eastman@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Social media Closed Facebook group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/166224110960769">www.facebook.com/groups/166224110960769</a></p>
Positive Behaviour Support Alliance	This alliance is a partnership of organisations, including families,	<a href="http://www.bild.org.uk/about-bild/aboutbild/pbsalliance/">www.bild.org.uk/about-bild/aboutbild/pbsalliance/</a>

<p>Facilitated by BILD</p>	<p>carers and advocacy groups, focused on improving the like quality of life of people whose behaviour challenges services.</p> <p>To find out more about the alliance, please contact them.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:communications@bild.org.uk">communications@bild.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Social media</b>          Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pbsalliance/">www.facebook.com/pbsalliance/</a>          Twitter: @pbsalliance</p>
<p>Somerset PBS network</p>	<p>This network is for people who are interested in PBS in services for people with a learning disability.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b>          Bev Cole, Senior Commissioning Officer, Somerset County Council  <a href="mailto:BXCole@somerset.gov.uk">BXCole@somerset.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth (SHIP) PBS Network</p>	<p>This network meets quarterly to share ideas and develop local practice around supporting people with a learning disability and behaviours which challenge.</p> <p>It's for anyone who's interested in PBS in this area including people with learning disabilities and autistic people, families, support workers, managers, behaviour practitioners and NHS professionals.</p>	<p><a href="https://hampshirepbs.wordpress.com">https://hampshirepbs.wordpress.com</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b>          Jonathan Beebee. Chief Enablement Officer and Nurse Consultant          02380 987462 or 0750 881231  <a href="mailto:jonathan.beebee@pbs4.org.uk">jonathan.beebee@pbs4.org.uk</a></p>
<p>Surrey PBS network</p>	<p>This network is open to anyone who's interested in/ supports people with a learning disability, autism and behaviours which concern. They meet 4/5 times a year to share best practice, listen to guest speaker</p>	<p><a href="http://www.surreypbsnetwork.co.uk">www.surreypbsnetwork.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b>          Lynsey Way  <a href="mailto:surreypbsnetwork@outlook.com">surreypbsnetwork@outlook.com</a></p>

	and update each other on national work and policy.	<b>Social media</b> Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/surreypbsnetwork">www.facebook.com/surreypbsnetwork</a> Twitter: <a href="http://www.twitter.com/PBSN_Surrey">www.twitter.com/PBSN_Surrey</a>
Suffolk Regional PBS community of practice network	<p>This community is for people who've passed BILD's CAPBS Coaches Programme.</p> <p>It covers Suffolk, and exists so people can share good practice and resources with peers.</p>	<b>Contact</b> Susan. Hubbard. <a href="mailto:Susan.Hubbard@suffolk.gov.uk">Susan.Hubbard@suffolk.gov.uk</a> Emily Huggard <a href="mailto:e.huggard@bild.org.uk">e.huggard@bild.org.uk</a> Clare Leahy <a href="mailto:c.leahy@bild.org.uk">c.leahy@bild.org.uk</a> Tom Evans <a href="mailto:t.evans@bild.org.uk">t.evans@bild.org.uk</a>
Yorkshire and Humber PBS Network	This network have met in person a couple of times, but it's now a virtual group – you can join their Facebook group to keep up to date and get peer support.	Join their Facebook group: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Yorkshire-Humber-PBS-network-1100551273320880/">www.facebook.com/Yorkshire-Humber-PBS-network-1100551273320880/</a>