

National Forum Update



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- There is no more funding from the Department of Health to keep the National Forum going.



- We at Skillnet are going to try to keep the South-East region going with emails, skype and phone calls. But we cannot afford to meet in London any more.



- I took the lead to write a proposal to work in partnership with Learning Disability England. We hope they can co-ordinate everyone's voices to engage the Department of Health. The National Forum voted for this proposal to go ahead.



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of Health



- The problems with funding have meant the Forums have done very little work on policy this year. We are unhappy about this. Our talks with Learning Disability England and the Department of Health will hopefully get all that going again.



- We are having one more Regional meeting in London in April. We will find out what challenges people are facing locally. We will keep working on ways to raise these with the Department of Health, even though this is very difficult now.

Sorry this is not a very positive update!

Are there any questions?

