

The Fife pathway to sustainable postural care
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Joyce began her presentation with a brief summary of the audit that was completed during the beginnings of the Service to examine the current working practices in the postural management services for adults with learning disabilities in Fife. The audit confirmed that funding for postural management equipment was a lottery and that there was a large unmet need.

Joyce then highlighted the main developments of the Service, including how the delivery can be sustained with the involvement of the mainstream NHS and social work services, the development of a service pathway, information exchange, and how service referrals are made. Other developments include partnership working, incorporation of a simple screening system to anticipate future needs, outcome measures, and an ongoing review process.

Joyce brought her presentation to a close by outlining the future benefits of the Service to be a smooth transition and continuity from children to adult services, closer collaboration between agencies and disciplines, sustainability of service delivery between NHS and social services and trained, equipped and empowered mainstream services.