Background

Professor Nigel Beail is Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Head of Psychological Services for Barnsley Learning Disability Service. He is also Honorary Chair in Psychology at the University of Sheffield; where he teaches and supervises research on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Nigel is currently the Chair of the British Psychological Society's Faculty for Learning Disability, a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Mental Health in Intellectual Disabilities & Secretary of the Institute of Psychotherapy and Disability. In 2004 he was appointed, by the Minister of Health, to the Mental Health Bill - Implementation Advisory Group at the Department of Health.

Research interests

Nigel has been carrying out research since the seventies and has published on a range of health and social care topics. His current research focuses on the assessment and treatment of adults with learning disabilities. In particular he has pioneered research on the outcome of psychotherapy with people with learning disabilities. He is also conducting research on cognitive factors in offenders with intellectual disabilities. Additionally he collaborates with researchers on mental health issues in the general population.

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