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A Down's baby/child/person	A baby/child/person who has Down's syndrome
Retartded/mentally handicapped/backward	Learning disability
Disease/illness/handicap	Condition OR genetic condition

USE OF TECHNICAL TERMS

- Authors should be mindful that the Journal readership includes parents, carers, professionals working with people with learning difficulties and those engaged in research.
- When using technical terms, especially in the area of medicine or research, these should be explained and be accessible for the general reader.

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