

# What changes need to be made to the DataLink

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## Background Information on LLDD Changes

For the 15/16 Academic year, some changes have been made to the ILR that affect the way LLDD values are recorded.

Traditionally, each learner had one Disability (DS) value and one Learning Difficulty (LD) value, each list of values treated separate. Of course, in the real world there is nothing to stop someone having more than one disability/learning difficulty, so most SpirALS users liked to use our 'Support Needs' to record more accurate information.

The ILR is been amended structurally, so (a) both Disability and Learning Difficulty lists have been consolidated into one LLDD and Health Problem list and (b) each learner can have multiple LLDD and Health Problem values. Furthermore, one of these values (for each learner) can be marked as a 'primary'.

In SpirALS Version 1.94 we have changed the way we record the LLDD values in SpirALS from two values per student to a list of a values per student.

In order to make this information easier for you to input into SpirALS, we have made a change to the SpirALS DataLink routine

## What you need to do to import LLDD Values

Getting your file ready to import LLDD Values is easy. You will need to add the following table to your Import File

### LLDD Table

#### Required Fields

Field Name	Data Type	Notes / Description
<b>StudentRef</b>	Text	These values should match those in the Learners table's StudentRef field.
<b>LLDDCat</b>	Number	The LLDDCode value. Formerly LLDD And Health Problem Code where LLDD Type equalled LD and DS
<b>PrimaryLLDD</b>	Boolean	The most significant or primary learning difficulty, disability or health problem, that impacts on the learner's education

Once you have added this table to your DataLink, please contact us to add this to your DataLink. To make it easier for us we would like a copy of your import file with the new table in, but it only has to be sample data. This is to ensure everything works correctly before you start using it.

Please contact us by email to [support@midas-systems.co.uk](mailto:support@midas-systems.co.uk) or by calling us on 020 8847 0214

## Don't want to import these new values?

If you don't want to import the New LLDD values into SpirALS, that's fine. Although we have prepared everyone's DataLink settings for this change, everything will continue to work the same way as before until you contact us. So if you want to keep your DataLink as it is, you don't have to do anything at all.

## Where to find the values once they have been imported

Once you have imported the values into SpirALS, you will be able to see these values on the 'Funding/ILR' tab of the 'Student Details Manager' per student, in the bottom right of the screen, as seen on the image below:

The screenshot shows the 'Funding/ILR' tab in the SpirALS Student Details Manager. The interface includes several sections for data entry and viewing:

- ILR Codes:** A note stating, "Please note, these fields may not map directly to the ILR and are indicative only."
- Learning Support Cost:** A text input field containing "£0.00".
- Buttons:** "Open Student ILR Field Maintenance Form" and "View obsolete fields".
- Checkboxes:** Learning support funded (LSF), Disabled students allowance (DLA) granted, 24+ Advanced Learning Loans (ADL), 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Bursary fund (ALB), Disabled students allowance assessed, Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA), Educational Health Care plan (EHC), and High Needs Student (LA Funding Confirmed).
- Dropdowns:** Primary Aim Funding Model (set to "25: 16-19 EFA funding") and Primary Aim Source of Funding (set to "107: Education Funding Agency (EF)").
- LLDD & Health Problem:** A dropdown menu.
- Student's LLDD Categories:** A table with columns for "LLDD Category" and "Pr". The table contains the following entries:

LLDD Category	Pr
5: Hearing impairment	
3: Multiple learning difficulties	
12: Dyslexia	
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- Record Navigation:** "Record: 2 of 3" with navigation arrows and a "No Filter" button.
- Footer:** "ID 118", "1 record retrieved in 0.3 seconds", and a row of buttons: "Browse / Filter", "Main Menu", "Print", "Delete Student", "DataLink", "Add New", "Save", "Cancel (Undo)", and "Close".