**Learning Disability Fact Sheet**

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| The Learning Disability Liaison Nurses |
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| Learning Disability Hospital Passports |
| * Check for a hospital passport alert on CPD Ribbon * Hospital passports are saved under ‘Scanned Documents’ on clinical desktop * Hospital passports are also saved in Q drive ‘Safeguarding Adults’ file * Hospital passports give you vital information about the patient |

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| Communication |
| * How does the patient communicate? * Do you need communication aids? * Have you got easy read information? * Family/carers may be able to support communication. * Be aware of diagnostic overshadowing- DO NOT assume symptoms to be behavioural rather physical ill health. |

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| Reasonable adjustments |
| * It’s the law to consider reasonable adjustments for equal assess to health care! * Does the patient’s family/carer need to stay with them? * Can bloods be taken a different way? * Is there a quiet area? |

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| Capacity |
| * People with a learning disability DO NOT automatically lack capacity. * Consider:- * Does the patient have capacity? Document in notes * Complete capacity assessment and best interest paperwork if required |

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| Family and carers |
| * How can you keep family/carers informed regarding the patient? * How do you keep the patient in contact with their family/carers on a regular basis? Be aware the patient may not be able to ask for this. |