

# Learning Disability Fact Sheet

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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

## 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.

## Reasonable adjustments

- It's the law to consider reasonable adjustments for equal access 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?

## 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

## 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.