**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.
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