

The people who use our service must have a learning disability

Learning Disability has the following features:

A significantly reduced ability to understand new or complex information, to learn new skills (impaired intelligence).

with:

A reduced ability to cope independently (impaired social functioning);

Which started before adulthood, with a global lasting effect on development.

and be a Preston resident.

A Preston resident is someone who:

Is registered with a G.P. in Preston

or

Is not registered with a G.P. anywhere but considers themselves to live in Preston.

(Establishing the Responsible Commissioner, Dept of Health 2002)

Referrals

The service accepts referrals from anyone, including carers and people with learning disabilities. These are discussed at a weekly meeting, which decides whether someone is eligible for the service and how we might be able to help them.

To assist this process the person making the referral is asked to provide evidence that the person both has a learning disability and is a Preston resident (see both boxes on previous page) and confirm that the person referred (and where appropriate their carers) agrees to the referral.

Referrals can be made by telephone during office hours on:

01772 401200

or addressed to:

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Primary Care Trust

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The service is part of the health services provided for adults with learning disabilities and their carers who are residents of Preston.

“Our service aims to improve health for people with learning disabilities alongside their carers .”

The service is provided by Community Learning Disability Nurses and Community Health Support Workers, working in partnership with specialists from Psychology, Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work and Psychiatry and supported by administrative and secretarial staff.



What we do

- Work directly with people with learning disabilities to promote good health, reduce distress and lessen the effects of the disability.
- Provide training and advice to services to improve the way they help people with learning disabilities and their carers.
- Work with services and commissioners to develop new services and plans that will lead to improvements for people with learning disabilities and their carers.
- Develop our own and other health workers professional skills so that we are better able to provide healthcare to people with learning disabilities and their carers.



How we do it

The Learning Disability Service for adults has two parts

Supported Living Team

The supported living team provide care to people living as tenants in their own homes. Clients have complex health needs. The level of care is dependent on individual need and can be up to 24 hour cover. The care is provided by Community Health Care Support Workers under the guidance of Community Nurses.

Adult Team

The Adult Team works with people with learning disabilities who are over 18 years of age (or over 16 if they have left full time education). The team's key functions are to enable services to develop their capacity to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities and to work with people whose behaviour is challenging or presents a risk.

