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# Who are we?

Our service consists of the following professionals:

- Learning Disability Nurses
- Consultant Psychiatry / Nurse behavioural clinic
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Assistant Practitioners
- Support Workers

# What can we help with?

**Children’s Learning Disability Nurses**

- Support children between the ages of 4 to 16 years, who present with behavioural needs
- Comprehensive behavioural assessments and interventions
- Provide Positive Behaviour Support Plans

- Training for parents in behavioural interventions

If children have any health or therapy needs, these will be met by Paediatric Services.

**Primary Care Learning Disability Nurses**

- Support patients with unmet physical health needs
- Provide comprehensive holistic assessment
- Support to access mainstream services, to remove barriers and encourage reasonable adjustments
- Provide Learning Disability Awareness and health promotion training to patients and their carers

**Behaviour Learning Disability Nurses**

- Support with complex behavioural/forensic needs
- Access to psychiatry clinics
- Offer comprehensive behaviour assessment
- Provide Positive Behaviour Support Plans
- Offer staff and carer training

## Physical Health Complex Needs Nurses

- Support patients with complex physical health needs
- Offer training to parents and carers
- Offer support around Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) maintenance
- Liaise with primary and secondary health care teams.
- Support with end-of-life care alongside mainstream services

## Support Workers

- Offer support to the nursing teams
- Follow nurse-led care plans
- Complete Hospital Passports

## Adult Physiotherapists

- Support patients to access mainstream physiotherapy teams where possible
- Provide specialist physiotherapy services where mainstream services are unable to meet identified needs
- Provide support and intervention with Postural Management

## Adult Occupational Therapists

- Provide assessment and intervention with the person to develop skills and independence in daily activities

- Advice and consultation with carers and providers to identify and reduce barriers around engagement

**Adult Speech and Language Therapists**

- Assess understanding and communication and provide recommendations

- Assessment and advice for swallowing difficulties

**Assistant Practitioners**

- Offer support to all nursing and therapy colleagues

- Facilitate the Down's Syndrome Recall Pathway clinic

**Hospital Liaison Learning Disability Nurse**

- Identify any hospital admissions and offer support as required

- Support patients with complex planned surgical admissions

- Support with understanding life decisions relating to the patient's health needs

## How to contact us

You can contact us by telephone on

**0300 707 1345**

This is our duty phone number. Someone will be available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm to take your call.

Out of these hours, you can leave a voicemail, someone will then get back to you the following working day to help you with your enquiry.

**Please note we are not an emergency service, if you require an emergency service, please contact the relevant agency.**

## Referral Pathway

We accept referrals from patients, family members, carers and professionals.

Referrals should be sent by email to the following email address:

wwl-tr.ldreferralswigan@nhs.net

**If you cannot access emails or do not have a copy of the referral form, you can contact the learning disability team on 0300 707 1345 for any child or adult queries.**



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