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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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