

To refer:

If you would like to make a referral to the Hospital Liaison Nurse service please either contact us via telephone or email.



Hospital Learning Disability Liaison Nurses - Southmead Hospital



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We work Mon – Fri 8am -4pm (exc. bank holidays),
But feel free to leave message on our secure
answerphone, and we will respond when next
available.

What is the Hospital Learning Disabilities Liaison Nurse Team?

We are a team of Registered Learning Disabilities Nurses employed by Sirona Care and Health and work within Southmead Hospital.

We provide support across the whole of Southmead Hospital to People with a Learning Disability over the age of 16; who have been assessed as having a Learning Disability by their local Community Learning Disabilities Team (CLDT).

Our Aim: is to offer effective and efficient support to adults with a Learning Disability whilst at Southmead Hospital.

What we do:

- Advise hospital staff of any reasonable adjustment required for the individuals appointment, treatment or stay in hospital.
- Work using person centred approaches.
- Provide advice and support to other professionals within Southmead Hospital regarding learning disability issues.
- Promote access to Southmead Hospital
- Ensure people with a learning disability have access to all the information they need whilst in hospital.
- Ensure safe discharge arrangements have been made.

Support We can offer:

- We can assess the patient's learning disability needs for equal access to healthcare.
- We have pain charts and assessments, risk assessments, other useful tools and information for staff.
- We can provide accessible information and communication aids for the patient.
- We can spend time with the patient to explain things and to ensure they understand what is happening.
- We have links with all local Community Learning Disability Teams (CLDT) and main care providers.
- We can support patients at outpatient appointments, day surgery, or help plan an admission.
- We can facilitate equal access to healthcare for people with a learning disability
- We can assess people's needs with regards to their admission to hospital to identify any reasonable adjustments that need to be implemented.
- We can provide a 'Patient Profile' to identify and highlight needs to ward staff.
- We can facilitate hospital visits prior to admission.
- We can liaise with both medical and nursing professions regarding needs.
- We support and advise hospital staff regarding capacity and consent

**Please call the team if you have any queries
Or if you need advice about your support needs.**