

The role of a learning disability nurse



Learning disability nurses are one of the best people to ask for help because they know lots about supporting people with a learning disability .



If you want to see the learning disability nurse, it is important to ask.



The GP surgery or hospital may not know that you need them.

Learning disability nurses in the community



There are learning disability nurses in your local Community Learning Disability Team.



They can also work with other health services, like the GP, or the hospital to help them meet your needs.



They can work with you to make sure you get the healthcare you need.



Your GP, social worker or the council should be able to help you get in touch with your local Community Learning Disability team.

Learning disability nurses in the hospital



Most hospitals have learning disability nurses that work there.



Their job is to help people with a learning disability who come to the hospital for healthcare.



The learning disability nurses can help you get the right support in hospital.



If you have to go to hospital, and think you might need support, it is a good idea to get in touch with the learning disability nurse before you go.



Since coronavirus came, some learning disability nurses have had to work from their home instead of hospital.



The hospital should be able to tell you how to get in touch with the learning disability nurse at this time.



If you need support in hospital, remember to ask to see the learning disability nurse.



If there is not a learning disability nurse in the hospital, you can still ask for help from the person in charge of safeguarding, or the Community Learning Disability team.

Learning disability nurses in the GP surgery



Some areas have learning disability nurses who work with GP surgeries.



Their job is to help you use the GP surgery, and get the care you need.



Ask your GP surgery if they work with a learning disability nurse.



If they do not have one, then the Community Learning Disability team can help you.