

Learning Disability Directorate

Eligibility Criteria

- The Service User will have a learning disability (IQ < 70) and associated complex health needs, which require input of specialist learning disability service.
- The Service User is 18 years and over (no upper age cut off for individuals who have been eligible for learning disability services throughout their lives).
- Complex health needs are defined as: -
 - Significant disorders including depression, psychotic disorder, dementia, autistic spectrum disorder and severe anxiety disorder or
 - Major risk/vulnerability issues arising from the individuals learning disability or
 - Complex and or/multiple physical impairment to ensure access to appropriate health input, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and sensory impairment.
 - Severe challenging behaviour requiring specialist assessment/interventions.

The following presenting needs **will not** be dealt with by the specialist learning disability service: -

- Acquired brain injury e.g. following head injury (post five years old).
- Developmental disorders not associated with a learning disability e.g. Aspergers Syndrome, ADHD (unless IQ < 70).
- Specific learning difficulties e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia.
- Offending behaviour which is clearly not related to the learning disability and not likely to benefit from the intervention of a specialist service.
- Problems arising from social exclusion issues which require social rather than health care.
- Physical needs which are more appropriate met within Primary Care or by the Acute Trust.