

Community Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities

Service Access Criteria for Community Learning Disability Team support in Leeds

Service Eligibility

To be eligible to access secondary health community services for adults with learning disabilities an individual must:

1. Have a learning disability (LD) as defined by The Learning Disability Observatory – Improving Health and Lives:
 - A significantly reduced ability to understand new or complex information, to learn new skills (impaired intelligence), with;
 - A reduced ability to cope independently (impaired social functioning); which started before adulthood, with a lasting effect on development
2. Have a presenting health need requiring intervention from the multi-disciplinary team
3. The person's learning disability is impacting directly on their ability to have this health need met through mainstream community health services following reasonable adjustments.

Access Criteria

The Learning Disability Community Health Service will accept referrals for service users with a presence of LD/health need/unable to access mainstream with two or more of the following:

- The presence of behaviours that challenge, where the behaviour is of severity and frequency to cause imminent risk to self, others or the environment
- The person requires an integrated specialist learning disability team approach to care: other LD health professionals are involved at the same time
- The service user's social/family situation is impacting on the presence of the health need or will impact on the delivery of health interventions needed to address their health needs

- The service user's learning disability is impacting on their ability to engage/comply with health need interventions
- The service user's health need indicates complex co-morbidity requiring care co-ordination
- In relation to the current referral need, the service user has been unable to have their health needs met through mainstream service provision

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