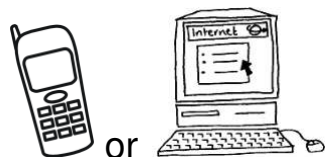


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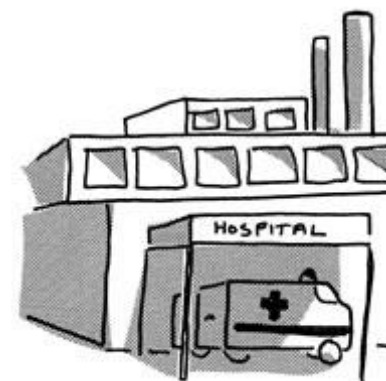
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## **Acute Hospital Learning Disability Liaison Nurses**



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## Information about the Liaison service

The service exists to promote access to hospital services for people with learning disabilities by

- ✚ Directly supporting people
- ✚ Developing hospital and community systems
- ✚ Influencing strategies and policies
- ✚ Education of NHS Lothian staff

## The Learning Disability Liaison Nurse can assist with:

- ✚ Co-ordination of care – at points of attendance, admission and discharge
- ✚ Education within clinical areas and contributing to programmes of education
- ✚ Support and advice for acute care staff in relation to personalised care and service delivery
- ✚ Collaboration between the agencies involved in service delivery to ensure effective seamless care by undertaking domiciliary home based visits

- ✚ Development and enhance standards of care for all patients with a learning disability attending the acute hospital
- ✚ Promotion of effective communication with those involved in the patient's care – whether they are community or hospital based
- ✚ Support of a relative or a family member with a learning disability who is affected by the patient's illness / hospital stay
- ✚ Promote safety and minimise risk
- ✚ Provide accessible information about treatment
- ✚ Promote positive experiences and outcomes

## Who is it for?

Any adult or child with a learning disability who requires additional support to access hospital services within NHS Lothian regardless of their geographic location.

## How to refer

Open referral system by telephone or email.