Screening for learning disability in Leicester

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Identifying people with learning disabilities and their need for reasonable adjustments
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust provides learning disability health specialist services for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Leicester City has a varied population.

The census in 2011 said that 45% of people were White British.

There are 20 main languages spoken.
• Leicestershire Partnership Trust has a register of information about people with learning disabilities known to the health specialist service

• GP’s had some information

• Local council had some information

• Poor information sharing across services
A screening tool was developed to assist health and social care staff identifying if a person they are supporting is likely to have a learning disability.

This has been used in GP practices to agree if a patient is eligible for a learning disability annual health check.

In Leicester in 2009 almost 1 in 3 patients with a learning disability were not identified by their GP practice.
• The GP practices have been supported to identify people who have a learning disability

• The screening tool is based on previous records of development and skills of daily living

• Information is not always available

• Further screening may be needed
Not sure of learning disability?

Use screening tool

- Person has learning disability
  - Record in GP systems, use correct codes
- Person does not have learning disability
  - Signpost to other services
- Not enough information
  - Use ABAS assessment

Discuss need for assessment with psychologist
The screening tool asks about

- Previous diagnosis and definition
- Syndromes related to learning disability
- Formal assessments
- Previous services used
- Childhood development
- Education
- Activities
- Support needed
Any questions?

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