

Getting it right charter



See the person, not the disability

All people with a learning disability have an equal right to healthcare.

All healthcare professionals have a duty to make reasonable adjustments to the treatment they provide to people with a learning disability.

All healthcare professionals should provide a high standard of care and treatment and value the lives of people with a learning disability.

By signing this charter, we pledge to:

- ✓ make sure that hospital passports are available and used
- ✓ make sure that all our staff understand and apply the principles of mental capacity laws
- ✓ appoint a learning disability liaison nurse in our hospital(s)
- ✓ make sure every eligible person with a learning disability can have an annual health check
- ✓ provide ongoing learning disability awareness training for all staff
- ✓ listen to, respect and involve families and carers
- ✓ provide practical support and information to families and carers
- ✓ provide information that is accessible for people with a learning disability
- ✓ display the *Getting it right* principles for everyone to see.

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For guidance on implementing this pledge, please visit www.mencap.org.uk/gettingitright