**Information for NHS patients with Learning Disabilities.**

Patients with a Learning Disability are not, as yet, automatically flagged up on hospitals' IT systems therefore it is well worth families/carers contacting the Learning Disabilities Liaison Team personally.

The LD nurse accompanies patients to all appointments - rearranging appointment times with departments if necessary so they are first on the list.

On the day of the procedure she will come to the ward before and after the operation providing whatever extra support is necessary in communicating the patient's needs to the ward and surgical teams. In our case this amounted to several hours.

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