

WORCESTERSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: LEARNING DISABILITIES HOSPITAL LIAISON
NURSE/PROFESSIONAL

BAND: 6

Or professional equivalent

RESPONSIBLE TO: Health Development Lead
Learning Disabilities

JOB SUMMARY: To address the difficulties faced by people with a learning disability in accessing and receiving acute hospital services in Worcestershire.

- Raising the profile of learning disability issues within Worcestershire Acute Hospital Trust.
- Ensuring that robust and sustainable links are set up between the Acute Hospital Trust and Specialist Learning Disability Services.
- Identifying, planning and implementing specific initiatives, which would improve the patient experience of people with a learning disability.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To identify initiatives which would improve the patient experience of people with a learning disability when accessing A & E, Inpatient and Outpatient Services.
- To work with the Acute Hospital Trust to plan and implement these initiatives.
- To identify people with a learning disability admitted to hospital.
- To promote and facilitate the delivery of person centred care for people with a learning disability admitted to hospital.
- To work with the Integrated Discharge Team and others to facilitate timely and appropriate discharge from hospital.

- To promote the use of 'My Hospital Book' throughout the Worcestershire NHS Economy, services for people with a Learning Disability, people with a learning disability, their families and supporters.
- To ensure that relevant tools are used effectively to improve the patient experience of people with a learning disability, e.g. Health Action Plans, My Hospital Book.
- To develop robust links between the Acute Hospitals Trust, PCT and Specialist Health Services.
- To promote, deliver and monitor training relating to learning disability issues within the Acute Hospitals Trust, and where possible to involve people with a learning disability in planning and delivering training.
- To continue to develop and promote the use of the Learning Disability Resource Pack across the Acute Hospitals Trust.
- To provide information and training to people with a learning disability and their supporters around hospital attendance, their rights and their responsibilities.
- To consult with people with a learning disability and their supporters about hospital related issues.
- To report progress to the Health Sub-Group on a regular basis.
- To develop links with other similar projects, e.g. via the Access to Acute Network.

QUALITY:

The Trust is committed to providing services to service users of the highest possible standard, and each employee is required to reflect this in all aspects of their work.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

On no account must information concerning staff, service users, or other health service business be discussed except in the performance of normal duty. In addition, records must never be left in such a manner that unauthorised persons can obtain access to them and must be kept in safe custody when no longer required.

HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK ACT 1974:

The post-holder has a duty of care to themselves and to others with whom they come into contact in the course of their work as laid down in the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Learning Disability Service is committed to staff training and development in meeting service user/service needs in line with service objectives.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Failure to maintain the standard expected of a nurse/therapist may lead to disciplinary action being taken.
- Every nurse is, by statute, held to account for his/her actions by his/her professional body (NMC or HPC).
- It is the responsibility of the post-holder to ensure that he/she is currently registered with the NMC/HPC in accordance with the relevant governing body.

REVIEW:

This Job Description is an outline which reflects the present requirements of the post and is not intended to be an inflexible or finite list of responsibilities. As these duties and responsibilities change and develop, the Job Description will be amended from time to time in consultation with the post-holder.