

Forensic community learning disability team

What is the forensic community learning disability team?

The team aim to support adults who have a learning disability who are presenting with high-risk complex behaviours such as sex offending, fire setting, significant assaults/ aggression or property damage and therefore may have involvement with the criminal justice system. We aim to improve the person's quality of life and reduce the forensic risks that they are presenting with by focusing on liaison and diversion.

What we do:

The teams' function is to provide preventative and evidence-based interventions to people living in the community through a combination of specialist forensic risk assessment and risk management, face-to-face therapeutic interventions and support.

The team additionally support the facilitation of smooth and effective discharge for people with a learning disability from secure inpatient settings and release from custody.

We offer the following support:

Consultation and advice.

- A forensic practitioner will liaise with lead services about a service user's (potential) offending behaviour and risks and offer consultation and advice.

Joint working in the community.

- The forensic team will support other lead professionals and/or joint work.

Complex/high risk patients living in the community.

- Specialist risk assessment and intervention or 1:1 forensic support. The forensic team will act as lead professionals.

Supporting with psychiatric hospital discharge.

- Provide clinical oversight and transitional support for patients being discharged from inpatient settings who have forensic risks.
- Support with identification of an appropriate placement.
- Support with the identification of risk prevention and risk intervention strategies in preparation for community living.
- Provide risk intervention and support once discharged (as in complex/high risk patients living in the community).

Criteria for the service:

Confirmed diagnosis of a learning disability, aged 18 or over
and who either:

- Have a conviction for an offence.
- Have had an allegation of offending made against them.
- Are considered to be at significant risk of offending.
- Present a risk of serious harm to the public.

How to make a referral:

Please complete the referral form to the learning disability service from the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust website.

The link is:

<https://bit.ly/LPT-LD>



This can be completed by anybody involved with an individual, it does not need to be a GP or professional.

What we offer in summary:

- Specialist risk assessment and management.
- Offence-specific interventions aimed at reducing offending.
- Liaison, advice and joint working.
- Specialist training and awareness-raising for all involved with people with learning disabilities who offend.
- Consultancy and advice to individuals supporting service users with an LD and offending behaviours/risks.
- Co-ordinated working and communication within LPT services (LD/Autism).

To contact the learning
disability service:

LD Access Team



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