

## The RUH Learning Disability and Autism Team are available Monday – Friday, 8:30-5pm.

The Learning Disability and Autism team can:

- Talk to you or your family/ carers when you are on a ward, to make sure that you feel safe and supported.
- Support you with appointments, procedures or operations.
- Talk to hospital staff to make sure that they support you in a way that makes you feel safe and supported.
- Make sure that adjustments are made so that you get the health care that you need at hospital.
- Support you with understanding your own health.
- Share your hospital passports and care plans with the hospital.
- Talk to the people that know you best, to make sure that all the important information about you is shared (e.g. your family, carers, community learning disability teams, community autism teams, GPs and social workers).

Lois Mitchell is the Trust Lead for Learning Disability and Autism. Please contact her with any queries.



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Phone: 01225 824246  
Email: [ruh-tr.LearningDisabilities@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.LearningDisabilities@nhs.net)

Please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) if you require this leaflet in a different format, or would like to feedback your experience of the hospital.

Email: [ruh-tr.pals@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.pals@nhs.net) or telephone 01225 825656 / 826319.

## Learning Disability and Autism Service



## Passports

We recommend that every person with a learning disability and/or autism complete a hospital passport. This helps staff provide the best possible care.



You can access blank copies of the Learning Disability Passport and Autism Passport on our website, and guidance on filling them in.

[https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/patients/learning\\_disabilities/](https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/patients/learning_disabilities/)

## In Hospital

Please bring any special equipment you use, like cutlery, or communication aids.



Some people like to bring their favourite blanket, or comforts to help make them feel safe. You might also want to bring any activities to help distract you.



## Tell us about you

If you are coming to hospital for an appointment, or bringing someone you look after, please let us know. Follow this template and email us via:

[ruh-tr.LearningDisabilities@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.LearningDisabilities@nhs.net)

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Appointment Date/ Time:

Names of anyone coming to hospital with me:

Name of social worker:

Any extra care or support I need:



Please attach a copy of your hospital passport if you have one.