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An introduction to your local specialist learning disability service Cheshire West



Information for family, friends and carers

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Introduction

The West Cheshire Community Team have 2 bases:



Eastway in Chester

Wyvern House in Winsford



Eastway is the venue for outpatient clinics in Chester. Wyvern House is a staff base only and outpatient clinics are held at Vale House in Winsford. Both clinics have disabled access.

There is car parking for visitors to Eastway and Vale House.

Leaflets with detailed directions are available - for a copy, please telephone us on the numbers below.

Assessment and treatment services are also provided in the locality. Detailed information booklets on this service is available - for copies, please telephone us.

Eastway

Countess of Chester
Health Park
Liverpool Road
Chester
Cheshire CH2 1BQ
Telephone: 01244 397222

Fax: 01244 397223

Wyvern House

The Drumber Winsford Cheshire CW7 1AH Telephone: 01606 288850

Fax: 01606 275690

Who is this service for?

The Cheshire West specialist learning disability service is for adults from the age of 18 who have a learning disability, live in the Cheshire West locality and meet the eligibility criteria. For information about the eligibility criteria please contact Eastway or Wyvern House.

Making a referral to the service

Anyone can make a referral to the Cheshire West specialist learning disability service. For example: a person with a learning disability, a carer, social worker, residential care staff, day service staff, GP. Please contact Eastway for further details about making a referral to the service.

Following a referral, a team member will visit to find out what the person's specific needs are. The visit may take place at the person's home, day service, place of work or at Eastway or Vale House. If necessary, the team member will also talk to the people who support the person; this could be family, day centre staff or residential care staff. The person's needs will then be discussed with the other staff in the team. This is to make sure that the most appropriate health professional is allocated to work with the person.

The role of the community team is to support people with learning disabilities to lead full and healthy lives within their local community. The team is made up of health professionals who specialise in working with people with learning disabilities.

The community team

The members of the team work together to plan and provide a range of services for people with learning disabilities who may be experiencing additional needs. These needs may include: mental health difficulties, complex health needs, communication difficulties, physical difficulties, challenging behaviour, epilepsy, autism, and specialist support for forensic issues.

The team also provides specialist information, advice and training for family carers and support staff.

On pages 4&5 are brief descriptions of the roles of each community team member. For more detailed information, please contact us and ask to speak to the relevant professional.

Further information

Comments, concerns and complaints

Capturing your feedback is really important to us. We have feedback volunteers who may give you a call as your experience helps us to continually improve our services.

If you would like to make a formal complaint about any of our services there is a formal complaints procedure that you can follow.

A leaflet about how to make a formal complaint is available from any staff team or unit, from the PALS officer or you can contact the complaints manager on 0800 195 4462

Protecting and sharing information

This leaflet gives details about the personal information we collect from service users including:

- health records and personal details
- why we keep this information
- where this information is stored
- confidentiality

Consent

This leaflet gives detailed information and guidance about all aspects of seeking and giving consent.

It has been written by the Department of Health and is also available in an 'easy-read' format.

For copies of these leaflets please contact us.

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Feedback and getting involved

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Our PALS officer can offer:

- information and advice about any of our services
- support and advice to help sort out any problems you may have with our services
- information about how to make a complaint

You can contact PALS:



by telephone on 0800 195 4462



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by Email: cwp.pals@nhs.net

For a PALS information leaflet please ask a member of staff.

Getting Involved

CWP has recently developed an Involvement Strategy which has been developed with service users, carers, staff and governors.

The strategy includes all involvement from care planning to service design and sets out the way CWP will involve the communities it serves.

For further information about Getting Involved please contact the Partcipation and Engagement worker on: 07825 522 489



Members of the community team

Community learning disability nurses

Community learning disability nurses have a range of knowledge and skills which they use to provide specialist healthcare, advice, support and treatment for people with learning disabilities. They can also offer training in areas such as autism, epilepsy, mental health and medication, complex health needs, and challenging behaviour.

Health Facilitators

Health Facilitators support people with learning disabilities to access general health services. A large part of their role is to provide training to GP's, hospital staff and carers to raise awareness of the health needs of people with learning disabilities. They can also work with people who have complex health needs.

Psychiatrists

Psychiatrists provide assessment, diagnosis and treatment for people with learning disabilities who may experience difficulties with their mental health. They advise each person's GP about prescribing medication and monitor the person's progress. They can also help assess and treat people with learning disabilities who have epilepsy.

Clinical Psychologists

Psychologists help people with learning disabilities and their carers understand and cope with any psychological problems the person may have. They can do this directly with the person, or indirectly with the support of the person's carers and other professionals. Psychologists can help to identify the best types of support that might reduce any distress and improve the person's quality of life.

Care managers (social workers)

Care managers offer advice, information, support and assistance to people with learning disabilities and their carers. They assess needs and determine access to services e.g. day services, respite care. They work closely with other staff in the team in order that the most suitable services are provided.

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Speech and language therapists

Speech and language therapists assess all aspects of communication. They give support to people with learning disabilities and provide advice and training to their carers. They also identify and provide treatment and support to people with dysphagia (difficulties with eating, drinking and/or swallowing).

Occupational therapists

Occupational therapists assess the impact of a person's learning disability on their ability to carry out daily activities, and give advice to promote independence. They also work with people with a range of complex physical and mental health needs and use specialist approaches such as sensory integration and engagement in meaningful occupations (the things that the person likes to do, that makes them feel good and keeps them well) to address behavioural needs.

Physiotherapists

Physiotherapists work with people who have complex and multiple physical difficulties, respiratory and neurological disorders. They can complete specialist assessments in aspects of movement, seating, positioning, mobility and respiratory care and provide appropriate interventions. In addition they are able to assist during assessments for specialist equipment and offer training and advice to staff and carers.

Intensive Support Service (ISS)

Intensive Support is a specialist function of the Community Learning Disability Team to help people stay out of hospital whenever possible. This service is aimed at individuals who are experiencing breakdown or experiencing crisis that places them at risk of admission. The focus is on early intervention to prevent crisis from happening or getting worse.

Policies and Procedures

The community team staff work within learning disability and trust policies and procedures which are available for you to view and download from our Internet site at www.cwp.nhs.uk.