

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY LINK NURSE.

Roles:

The ward/clinical area managers are responsible for identifying an appropriate link nurse and facilitating the efficient discharging of their duties and allowing sufficient time for learning disability training.

The Learning Disability Link Nurse forms a vital link between the wards, clinical areas and the Learning Disability Liaison service, specifically in respect of communicating learning disabilities issues.

Responsibilities:

1. To liaise with the ward/clinical area manager and the learning disability liaison nurses.
- 2, To assist with assimilation and production of information pertaining to their area of work.
3. To promote and disseminate information of up to date practices/procedures to ALL healthcare workers in their area of work.
4. To ensure that the learning disability liaison nurses are made aware of current patients who have learning disabilities.
5. To bring to the attention of the learning disability liaison nurses any educational needs of the ward/department.
6. To provide induction training in relation to the role of the learning disability liaison nurses for new staff.
7. To maintain the learning disability folder, update staff on new policies/information.
8. Regular attendance of link nurse training/meetings.