

A Commissioning Guide for Halton's Clinical Commissioning Groups (Halton's CCG) May 2013

Halton's CCG is a group of local family doctors and other health professionals. We took over the commissioning of services for all people health within Halton from April 2013. '



Through the Local authorities, Partnership Boards and other groups, we will:



- find out what people with learning/physical disabilities want locally.
- review all services to ensure they're performing well.
- Work with people with disabilities on things that affect their health like housing, jobs and hate crime.

The community learning disability is a team who work with disabled people and their families to make their life better, there are special teams to support people so they can live in the community.



The guide is important for people with learning disabilities and complex health problems, who may find it hard to communicate.



We should work with social care commissioners to make sure staff get training and support to know when people are in pain and help them use health services to put things right.



We should know about how many people with disabilities there are in Halton and their need. This information should be in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA.)



Any citizen of Halton can talk to Healthwatch and Health and Wellbeing Boards about their needs so we can improve services.



These services range from cancer care to mental health and good planning for adults and young people and we ensure that the starts early. We should ensure that all people, with disabilities and carers etc are involved in planning and deciding about services, so that services are person centred.



Some people with disabilities are also carers. Family doctors should understand this so that changes can be made.



Lots of people with learning disabilities have problems with eating, drinking and swallowing, continence, which can cause lots health problems.



There is an organization that reviews hospitals called Monitor. All disability services in Foundation Trusts should meet Monitor standards of:

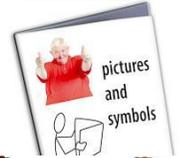


- A way of identifying people with learning disabilities in hospitals.
- Train all staff in good health care to people with disabilities.
- Accessible information about appointments, treatment and complaints.
- Support for family carers.

We run the hospital board that employ nurses who are responsible for making hospital services better for people with disabilities and ambulance services provide access to these services.



Sometimes people with learning disabilities need 'assessment and treatment services' if they have a mental health problem.



People should be able to use mental health services like anyone else, sometimes with extra support. Where it is possible, they should be treated in the community.



Where treatment is needed in hospital, it is our responsibility to know about all the people they're providing for. We need to make sure that any hospital stay is as short as possible and as near to home as possible. Planning to leave hospital should start straight away.



We need to know about local people with disabilities who may be in trouble with the law. We have to work with the council and the police, to make sure that the right services are in place to help people stop offending. People in prison should be able to complain if they're unhappy with their health care.



Lots of people with learning disabilities use aids and equipment to help them be more independent. We will work with other organisations to commission equipment.



We will ensure People with disabilities will get the same support at the end of their lives as others. Some people with learning difficulties are given lots of medicine, sometimes this medicine doesn't help.



We should assure that people with disabilities are getting regular checks and others are getting good care.

Personal health budgets are being tried for people with long term health needs, as a way of giving them more control over money their health benefits.

Some people may need 'postural care' to stop their bodies changing shape, which can make it difficult to breathe. Good postural care can really help to important their lives.

