Learning Disability Partnership

The Learning Disability Partnership (LDP) includes specialist social care and community health professionals. We help people who have a learning disability and are aged over 18.
What is a learning disability?

A learning disability includes:

- a significantly reduced ability to understand new or complex information or to learn new skills
- a reduced ability to cope independently (impaired social functioning)
- an impairment that started before adulthood, with a lasting effect on development.

Some people may have minimal difficulties, but others may need more care and support.

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The LDP is made up from five locality teams and a countywide younger adult team.

There are different criteria for specialist health support and social care:

- to receive health support you need to meet the criteria of a learning disability
- to receive long term social care support you need to meet social care eligibility criteria.

The specialist social care and community health professionals includes:

- Art Therapist
- Community Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Psychiatrists
- Physiotherapists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Social Workers
- Adult Support Workers

We also work with a range of independent and voluntary sector partners to provide care and support for people with a learning disability looking for daytime support, respite care, home care, supported living accommodation, and specialist health support related to the needs of the person with a learning disability.

More fact sheets:
- Do I qualify for social care support?
- Disability Services

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/adults/disability

Help and support we provide

- Information and advice to help you do the things you want to do.
- Help keep you safe in your community.
- Support you to live in your local community as independently as possible.
- Help you to make decisions for yourself and understand the choices you have.
- Help you get the most from your health appointments.
- Get the right professional people to help you from health and social care teams related to your needs.
- Support young adults who are in education, moving towards education, or have been looked after by the local authority.
- We can arrange short term support to help you and your carer with a crisis or emergency.
- Recognise and support your communication needs.
How to get help and support

If you think you need help, a referral can be made by:
✓ you or your carer, relative or friend
✓ or your GP or other health professionals
✓ or people who are paid to support you

- careinfo@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- 0345 045 5202
  8am to 6pm Monday to Friday
  9am to 1pm on Saturday

What happens next?

We will talk to you about what you want to achieve and what support is available to you.

If you need immediate help to get you through a crisis, we will make a short-term plan with you that we can put in place quickly.

If you need ongoing help, you may have an assessment. An assessment is a two way conversation looking in detail at your situation and what you consider to be important to you, so that together we can work out a care and support plan for you to meet your eligible needs. It will help us to understand your strengths and abilities and what care and support you might need. You can have someone you know with you at your assessment.

We might also ask the opinion of other professionals who know and work with you. We will only do this with your permission. We will also take account of the needs of your family or carer and assess them separately if they ask us to.

Find out more about assessments and eligibility criteria:
- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/adults/disability

Other help and support

The LDP can provide you with information and advice and help you to access services that are available to everyone in your local community.

You can search for support services in the Care and Support Directory

- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/careandsupportdirectory

Feedback and comments

We would like to hear from you if:
✓ You feel staff have done something particularly well.
✓ There is something you particularly like about our service.
✓ You have an idea how we can improve things.
✓ You are unhappy with the service.

Find out more in our fact sheet: We welcome your feedback?
- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/customercare