# Patient information

# Learning Disability Liaison Nurse Service Support for people with learning disability and autism

## What is a learning disability liaison nurse?

The Learning Disability Liaison Nurse is a person at the West Suffolk Hospital who supports people who have a learning disability or autism when they come into the hospital for care, treatment and tests.

#### When might you need a liaison nurse?

If you need to see a doctor or nurse in clinic (outpatients appointment).

If you are very ill or have an accident you may go to the accident and emergency department (A & E).

If you are unwell you may come into hospital to stay until you are well again.











If you need an x-ray or other tests.

If you need to have an operation

#### What can the liaison nurse do?

Support you when you are in hospital and help plan for you to go home again.

Talk to you, your relative or carer and the hospital staff about your care.

Make sure you know what is happening to you and that you have the right information about any care, treatment and tests you may have in hospital.

Tell the hospital staff if you need any special arrangements for the appointment, treatment or your stay in hospital.











Make sure the hospital staff have all the information they need to care for you properly.



The nurse normally works Monday- Friday between 9.00 am – 5.00 pm. If you leave a message and your number they will call you back.



### Your Learning Disability Liaison Nurse is Emer O'Mahony



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