

## **Service summary - Learning Disabilities Health Support Team**

The Health Support Team is a multi-disciplinary specialist team consisting of psychiatrists, psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, physiotherapists, dieticians, nurses and health support workers, who support people with learning disabilities (LD) to have their health needs met.

The team does this through assessment and action planning, providing specialist equipment and advice and ensuring reasonable adjustments are made so that individuals can have their health needs met either in mainstream services or at our specialist clinics at Waddiloves.

The full multi-disciplinary LD health support team consists of 72 staff and our nurses carry a caseload of between 20-25 depending on the complexity of cases.

We also build integrated pathways with other services, either within our own or with other organisations to enable service users with LD to have their health needs met. This includes providing an in reach service to the main hospitals in Bradford and Airedale to support people with LD who have been admitted for treatment.

Within the Health Support Team is The Intensive Support Team; their role is to work with people who have a learning disability who may present with significant mental ill health and/or behaviours that significantly challenge services. They have a primary aim of preventing people being admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act. It is a team of Learning Disability Nurses, 1 Behaviour Therapist and 1 Health Care Support Worker. The Intensive Support Team has access to the wider Multidisciplinary agencies working closely with them where appropriate.