

# Our strategic vision for Somerset is to support people with Learning Disabilities and / or Autism to look after their health and lead healthier lives

Our strategic vision for Somerset (in line with the NHS Long Term Plan) is to support people with Learning Disabilities and / or Autism to look after their health and lead healthier lives.


To receive timely and appropriate health checks and have better access to health services whilst improving the level of awareness and understanding across the NHS of how we can best support them as individuals.

Somerset is committed to transforming care to make our health and care services better and support people with learning disabilities and / or autism to live in the community with the care they need and close to home.

- ✓ The Screening Liaison to improve communication for people with learning disability across settings
- ✓ To improve experiences of health care for people with learning disability
- ✓ Improve quality of life for people with learning disability
- ✓ Promote seamless care and disparity of service
- ✓ To reduce premature mortality

The Screening Liaison Nursing service is an integral part of the Somerset Community Learning Disability Services, which provides a specialist service for people with a learning disability. The early detection of cancer remains a key priority nationally and locally, screening is essential in improving performance reducing the burden of morbidity and mortality related to cancer.





The service will be provided by the Screening Liaison Nursing Team, across Somerset to improve awareness and knowledge of the identified national screening programmes amongst people with learning disabilities. This will be inclusive, and whenever appropriate involve mindful engagement with carers and significant others to provide health information in relation to the identified screening programmes. The service will also provide advice to primary care and screening teams to enable them to improve access to the screening programmes for the somerset learning disability population.

- Improving the uptake of the 5 identified national screening programmes
- Provide support to primary care, screening programme leads, secondary care, and community staff
- Delivering specialist learning disabilities education support to improve the uptake of health screening and attendance
- Providing better cancer health outcomes for people with learning disabilities identified on the GP Learning Disability (LD) registers
- Work closely with LD patients and their carers to raise the awareness of the offer of cancer screening and cancer pathways
- Provide data on the levels of screening uptake and nature and frequency of support interventions for each national cancer screening programme
- The screening liaison nurses will liaise closely with the screening service and general practice



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