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# **Aims and Eligibility Criteria**

## **for services from the North Somerset**

### **Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities**



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**Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities**

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## Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities (CTPLD)



### Our Aim

We will help people with learning disabilities to have full and meaningful lives.



### What We Do

Within the resources available we will:

**Support people to have equal rights and responsibilities in society.**

Such as equal rights to:

- Good Healthcare
- Good Education



**Help to ensure that people are safe from harm and have their basic care needs met.**

Such as:

- Advising others about people's needs
- Dealing with Safeguarding Adults matters



**Help people to speak up for themselves and have more choice.**

Such as:

- More choice on where they live
- Access to advocacy services
- More choice and control over the services they receive.



**Support people to be as independent as possible.**

Such as:

- Providing easy read information
- Help people to develop skills



**Enable people to be included and valued, and have the chance to play a full part in the community.**

Such as:

- Helping people to have paid work.
- Helping people to have friendships and leisure activities



**Promote working together.**

Helping others to be better at supporting people.

Such as:

- Families
- Service providers
- Local communities



### Who We Work With

The team works with adults with learning disabilities and their carers.



**A person with a 'learning disability' may be deemed as eligible for services from the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities if they meet all three of the following:**

1. Have a significantly reduced ability to understand new or more complex information or to learn new skills. A person's I.Q. (Intelligence Quotient) is not the only defining factor, but those with an I.Q. below 70 would be considered for the purpose of this definition.
2. Have a significantly reduced ability to cope independently, i.e. they have impaired personal and social skills (for example: with communication, self-care, daily living skills, use of community resources, health and safety, leisure or work).
3. Have disability that started before adulthood (18 yrs) with a lasting effect on their development.



**People eligible to services from the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities as it is defined here does not include people with:**

1. Acquired brain damage leading to the loss of the ability to understand new or more complex information or to learn new skills (e.g. victims of road traffic accidents).
2. Social/communication disorders of people who are of average or above average intelligence.
3. A specific learning difficulty which is more broadly defined in Education legislation (e.g. Dyslexia).
4. A primary disorder and support needs that are related to alcohol and drug misuse, sensory impairment, psychiatric illness, or physical impairment.
5. A learning disability which is as a result of environmental/ emotional circumstances e.g. emotional trauma, abuse, limited educational opportunities. People in these situations may be subject to further clinical assessment / opinion.
6. Needs that can best be met by other services. In these circumstances the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities may assist people to access services and support from these other avenues.



**Who is an Ordinary Resident?**

**Most people who live in North Somerset will be 'ordinary residents' and as a result deemed an eligible resident of North Somerset.**

Health and Social Services Departments have different criteria for people who they are able to help. Subject to changes in law or agreement, "**Ordinary Resident**" means:

**For the purposes of Social Services provision:** a person who lives in settled accommodation the Council area.

**For the purposes of Health Care provision:** a person who is registered with a general practitioner (GP) who practices in North Somerset.

## People Living in Care Homes

**Some people with learning disabilities live in registered Care Homes in North Somerset but may originally come from elsewhere.**

Wherever they originally come from, these people are usually entitled to **Health Services** from the team.

If they live in a Care Home and another authority funds them (for example, the authority where they originally came from), they are not considered to be 'ordinarily resident' in North Somerset Council, and their **Social Care Services** would be arranged by their responsible authority.

There are other criteria to help determine whether a person in need of **Social Care Services** is an 'ordinary resident' of North Somerset. Please contact the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities if you need clarification here.



## People's Needs

**As well as identifying if a person with a learning disability is eligible for the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities, the team also has to decide who will be a priority for the limited services available.**

Provision of health or social care services from the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities will depend on people's level of need. The Care Act 2014 and the 'National Eligibility Threshold' provide the framework used by the team to decide who will receive support from Social Services.



**For more information about our services and eligibility please refer to the website [www.ld4u.org.uk](http://www.ld4u.org.uk)**

**More detailed guidance is available on the North Somerset Council website [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk)**