Learning Disabilities & Decision Making
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Hospital Passport/Traffic Light Passport

what you need to know about me in hospital

for hospital staff
• you need to know what is in this booklet
• please keep this booklet by my bed
• make sure all the nurses caring for me read it

name ____________________________
date filled in_______________________

discharge planning contact: ____________________________

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http://insight/departments/Projects/LearnDis/Pages/default.aspx
Accessible Information/Easy-Read

Going to A&E

What happens when you are ill and have to go to hospital
An Easy Read leaflet

- When you feel ill you will normally go to see the doctor in your local surgery - your GP.
- But if you are really ill or have hurt yourself, you may have to go to hospital.
- Sometimes you may have to go in an ambulance.
- When you arrive at the hospital you will go to the Accident and Emergency department. This is known as 'A&E'.
- The person on the front desk will ask your name and address.

You can get these leaflets in Easy Read:
- Having a blood test
- Having an X-ray
- Having a scan
- Having a pre-operative assessment
- Going into hospital
- Having a general anaesthetic
- Getting help
- Washing your hands

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Mental Capacity Act (2005)

- Legislation (law)

- Applies to people aged 16 or over who lacks capacity to make a decision

- Lasting Power of Attorney

- Court appointed Deputy

- Advanced Decisions
Mental Capacity Act (2005)
Five Core Principles

1. Presumption of capacity: assume capacity unless proven otherwise
2. Maximise decision making: support & ensure person makes own decisions & not inappropriately assessed as incapacitated
3. Freedom to make unwise decision: Do not treat someone as incapable of making a decision
4. Best interests: any decisions or actions taken for people without capacity is in their best interests
5. Least restrictive alternative: consider if it is possible to make decision that is least restrictive of that person’s fundamental rights & freedoms.
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Thank you – Any Questions?