

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 13 July 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Is there a separate waiting area for vulnerable adults with learning difficulties?

The department has one main combined waiting area and we try to make reasonable adjustments for patients with additional needs including those with learning disabilities and move to a quieter area or bedspace whilst they wait.

2. Are responsible adults allowed to accompany vulnerable adults with learning difficulties when they are seen by clinical staff in ED?

Yes we absolutely support John's Campaign and have widened this to include patients with learning disabilities.

3. Are carers welcome to provide care if needed?

Yes and actively encouraged to do so with what they feel comfortable to deliver in partnership with the clinical teams..

4. Does your Trust have policies in place to assess capacity to consent to investigations and treatment for adults with learning disabilities? If so, could you supply me with a copy of these policies?

This is covered within our Trust Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty guidance as this covers all adults. The Trust safeguarding team are available for support and guidance and we have a learning disability specialist nurse who can advocate for patients and carers.

5. Do you have policies relating to the administration of treatment/pain relief when an adult with learning disability is unable to consent? If so, please could I request a copy of these policies?

As above.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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