



Terminology-Words for Diagnosis.

doctor and nurse



Doctors, nurses and other people in health care sometimes use special words to describe illnesses and conditions.

This is called a diagnosis.

good information



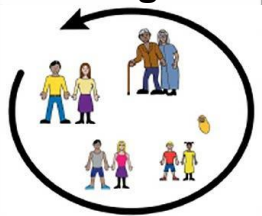
Learning Disability is one of these words.

It is a diagnosis, not a label.

Learning Disability is the same diagnosis as Intellectual Disability.

Other examples of diagnoses are Diabetes and Epilepsy.

all ages



Learning Disability can be mild, moderate severe or profound.

Learning disability starts at birth or in childhood.

Learning disability effects the person for all their life.

about me



Having a Learning Disability means,

It can be difficult to understand information

It can take longer to learn new skills

It can be hard to live completely independently.

achieve your goals



Learning Disability does not describe the person.

People who are living with a Learning Disability are experts by experience and have lots of abilities.

care for you



Knowing a person has a Learning Disability helps the professionals supporting them to offer the right care.

get it wrong



Sometimes Learning Disability is confused with learning difficulty.

In health care, these are two very different diagnoses.

learning difficulty



Learning difficulty effects the way the person learns but with the right support this should not stop them learning and living independently.

Examples of learning difficulties are dyslexia, ADHD, dyspraxia and some people with Autism.

get it right



It is important to use the right diagnosis in health care.

But in every day life, you can describe yourself with words you choose.

best service



If you have a diagnosis of Learning Disability ask your GP for support.

Ask to be added onto the "on learning disability register" 416075005 code to your records to make sure you get the best care for you.