



GreenLight Newsletter



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What is the Green Light Toolkit?

The Green Light Toolkit is a guide to auditing and improving mental health services to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities (LD) and or autism. It was developed by the National Development Team for Inclusion.

The toolkit identifies 27 standards to ensure reasonable adjustments are in place to provide fair and equitable services that meet peoples' needs.

The NTW Greenlight group was set up in February 2018 with a re-launch at the Nursing Conference April 2018 as it has been around for a number of years. The group ensures clear representation from all localities and, once established, will develop links with Local Authorities, CCGs and other partners.

For NTDi Green Light Toolkit information: [Click here](#)

The toolkit provides a framework for use in local mental health services, along with a toolkit offering guidance on making service improvements. It applies to all mental health services, whether provided by the NHS, local councils or the independent or voluntary sector. The tool is used to encourage discussions and improvement rather than as a monitor of compliance.

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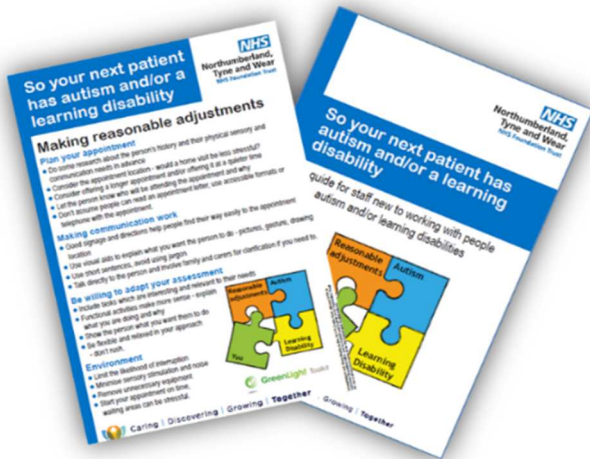
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Implementation on the Green Light Toolkit began in February 2018. This newsletter brings to you an update of the developments now underway:



Resources

New resources about how to support people with a learning disability and autism have been developed. 'So your next patient has autism and or a learning disability'. Available as a booklet and poster. Click [here](#) to view/download the resources.

The Accessible Information Standard

The Trust is obliged to comply with the statutory NHS England 'accessible information standards'. The standard is known officially as SCC11605 Accessible Information and is under Section 260 of the Health and Social Care Act (2012). The implications of this standard are across all teams will be required to provide service users with information in a format they require such as easy read, accessible versions or communications support.



A task and finish group has been set up to implement these standards. Although this is a statutory requirement and assists with the Trust's commitment to accessible services for people with a learning disability and autism, this will also ensure the Trust is compliant with, the Autism Act (2009) and Equality Act (2010). Work is underway to develop easy read appointment letters and there is already a large range of easy read and audio information including Trust leaflets available on the internet www.ntw.nhs.uk/accessible further resources are being produced. We'll keep you posted in the next Greenlight newsletter.

For more information click on 'The Greenlight Toolkit' button on the homepage of the intranet.