

Gateshead Community Learning Disability Team

Patient information leaflet



Introduction

This leaflet provides information about the Community Learning Disability Team (CLDT). If you are not sure about anything in this leaflet please ask a member of staff.

What we do

We work with adults aged over 18 with a diagnosis of a learning disability who find it hard to use mainstream services. We work with people who have specific mental health, physical health or behaviours that challenge due to their learning disability.

We can also diagnose people with a learning disability who have a health care need should this be required.

How to be seen

We have an open referral system. This means anybody can refer themselves or somebody else. The person being referred must agree to the referral being made.

Referrals can be made:

- by telephone or letter
- in person
- by completing a referral form available from Bensham Hospital

When a referral is made we can:

- talk to you about what we can do to help
- ask you if you are happy for us to work with you



You can say **yes**



You can say **no**

It is up to you

If you can't make decisions, and someone else needs to make them for you, then they must think about what is best for you. This person could be a family member, carer, advocate or another professional.

To work out what is in your best interests, they must listen to what you want, ask people who know you and make sure you are involved.

All referrals are made to CLDT and the team decide who would be the best person to work with you.

The team



Speech and Language Therapists

Work with people who need help communicating and understanding other people, and with eating and drinking.



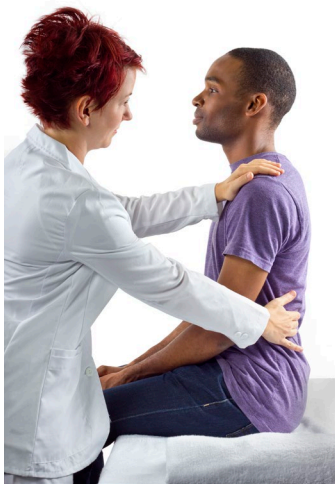
Community Nurses

Provide advice, support and treatment for people with a learning disability who have a variety of physical and mental health needs. We also work with people who have behaviours that challenge.



Clinical Psychologists

Provide assessment and treatment for people with behaviours that challenge, emotional difficulties and mental health difficulties.



Physiotherapists

Provide treatment for physical health conditions around movement, function and postural management.



Psychiatrists

Are doctors who provide assessment and treatment of mental health problems.



Non-medical Prescribers

Can prescribe and review your medication.



Occupational Therapists

Focus on promoting your independence and wellbeing and help you with everyday activities.

Sight Sound Smell



Taste Touch



Help to identify how you process sensory information like touch, sight, sound, smell and taste and how this affects your daily life.

How can we help?

The Gateshead Community Learning Disability Team will:

- Talk about what is important to you.
- Talk about what you want to change.
- Talk about things you can do with our help.
- Help other people look after you.

The Gateshead Community Learning Disability Team work in a variety of settings like your own home, day centres, hospitals and clinics. We will:

- see you with your partner, parents, family members, carers and staff teams.
- offer you individual support and interventions and, at times, group support.
- speak to you and other professionals.
- work with you and other professionals like social services, education and the voluntary sector.
- give you and those supporting you advice and support to help meet your healthcare needs.

The Gateshead Community Learning Disability Team is unable to offer an out of hour's emergency response service. If you need help in an emergency please contact:

- 999 – for urgent medical attention
- 111 – for non-urgent medical attention or mental health support
- Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Team – Newcastle and Gateshead
 - 0191 814 8899
 - 0800 652 2863
 - Text number for people who are deaf and/or have communication difficulties 07919 228 548

How to contact us



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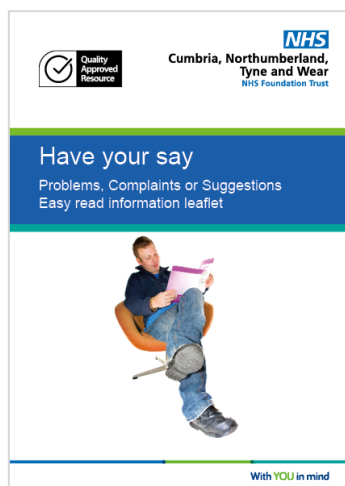


Telephone: 0191 478 0650



Email: GatesheadLD@cntw.nhs.uk

Problems, complaints or suggestions



Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust has a complaints policy. If you want to complain we will give you a leaflet to explain how to, or you can talk to a member of staff.

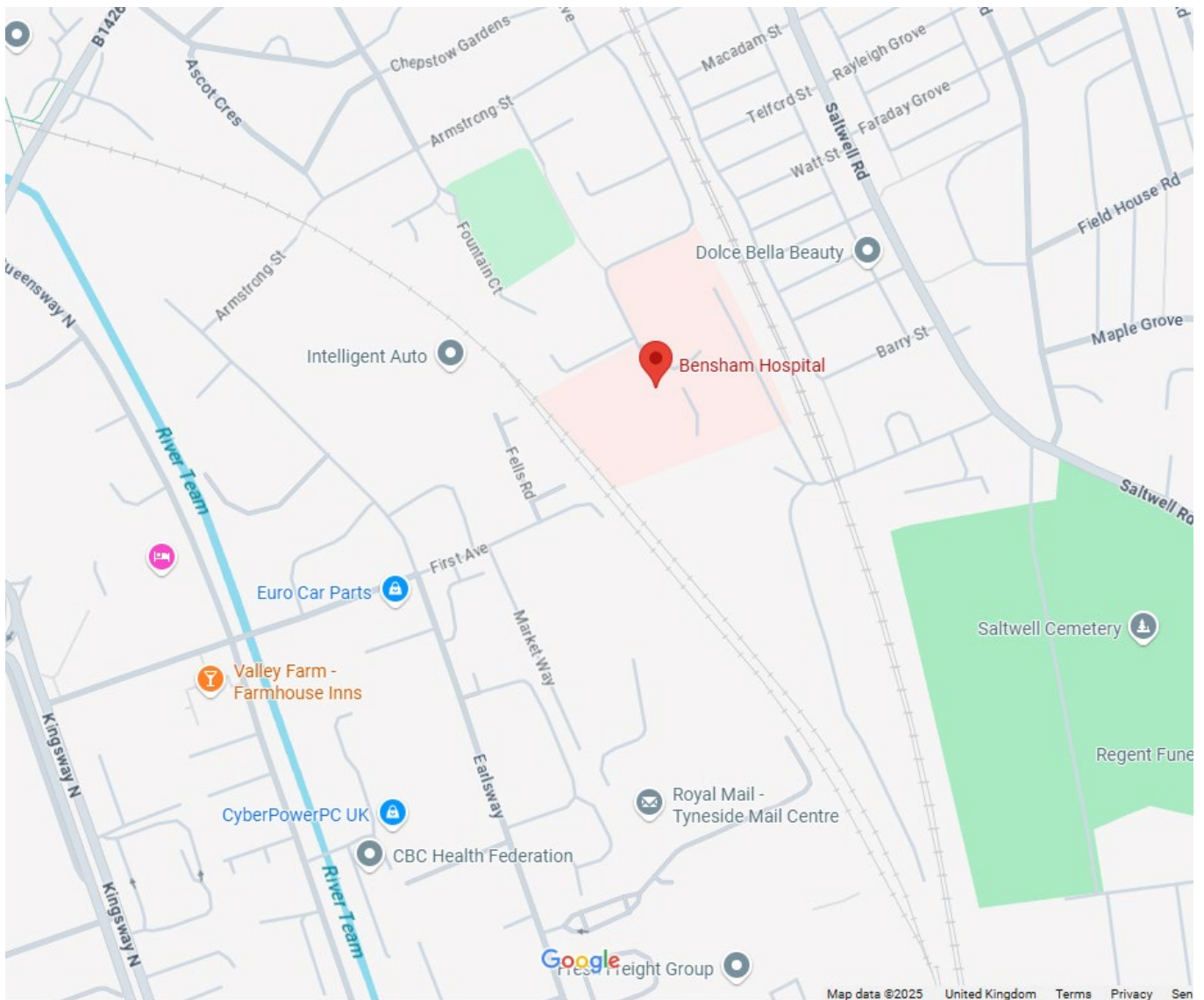
If you think there are things we could do to make our service better please tell a member of the team.



You can also give feedback by scanning this QR code and filling in a Your Voice survey. Please use the team code: LDGH DAT

Where are we?

Bensham Hospital



Entrance: Bensham Hospital, Fontwell Drive

Nearest bus: TB29 from Gateshead Interchange stand 6. Runs from 9am-4pm
www.gonortheast.co.uk/

Nearest Metro: Gateshead Metro, Gateshead Interchange
www.nexus.org.uk/metro/timetables-and-stations/gateshead/timetable

Office hours: Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

For further information contact Traveline

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