

**Health Checks – Summary of Steps and Support**

<b>PCT Role</b>	<b>GP Practice Role</b>	<b>Community Learning Disability Team Role</b>
<p><b>1. To commission and support the delivery of annual health checks for people with learning disabilities</b></p> <p><b>2. To address the health needs of this population</b></p> <p><b>Note - This role may subsequently be carried out by local Practice Based Commissioners</b></p>	<p><b>1. To develop and deliver annual health checks for people with learning disabilities</b></p> <p><b>Note - whilst the following steps have been developed to assist practices, some may already have procedures and protocols of a similar nature that have worked well and could also be used to support the development and delivery of annual health checks</b></p>	<p><b>1. To advise and support PCTs and general practice in the development and delivery of annual health checks</b></p> <p><b>2. To support patients and family carers during this process.</b></p> <p><b>Note - For the majority of people with learning disabilities, CLDT initial support will tail off. However, for the small number with more complex needs, continued support and co-working may be necessary</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify a strategic lead for Learning Disabilities to address the needs of people with learning disabilities including ensuring the commissioning and delivery of annual health checks</li> <li>▪ Ensure local strategic health needs assessment is carried out to support population health analysis</li> <li>▪ Identify a strategic health facilitator for the PCT</li> <li>▪ Implement health check awareness sessions and specific health check training for primary care practitioners</li> <li>▪ Ensure informatics expertise</li> </ul>	<p><b>Phase 1 – Preparation for Health Checks</b></p> <p>Step 1- Identify a clinical lead for Learning Disabilities</p> <p>Step 2 – Practice representatives to attend a health check awareness session</p> <p>Step 3 – Identify people with a learning disability from the practice list or LD Register and identify which are priorities for health checks. <i>Consider other LD databases held by LA (cross reference QOF disease registers)</i></p> <p>Step 4 – GP and Practice Nurse representatives to attend specific health check training</p> <p>Step 5 – Contact your local Health Facilitator and named link member of the local CLDT</p> <p>Step 6 – Ensure standardised e-template is available for clinical system with agreed Read Codes</p> <p><b>Phase 2 – Carrying Out Health Checks</b></p> <p>Step 7 – Invite patient for a health check (use appropriate method) and check this invitation has been received</p>	<p><b>Phase 1 – Preparation for Health Checks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contribute to health check awareness session(s)</li> <li>▪ Support local PCT and practice informatics experts to develop LD registers, ensuring all potential patients are identified</li> <li>▪ Contribute to specific health check training for GPs and Practice Nurses</li> <li>▪ Support local PCT and practice informatics experts to develop standardised e-template for health checks</li> <li>▪ Identify a link person for each practice</li> <li>▪ Support practice to identify which patients are priorities for health checks</li> </ul> <p><b>Phase 2 – Carrying Out Health Checks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support practices to develop appropriate health check invitations</li> <li>▪ Advise practices in the delivery of health</li> </ul>

<p>is made available to practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agree any information sharing protocols with the LA</li> <li>▪ Agree appropriate Read Codes for practice registers and health check e-templates</li> <li>▪ Ensure that the views of people with Learning Disabilities, family carers and supporters are sought in an appropriate manner</li> <li>▪ Develop and deliver GP practice development programme</li> <li>▪ Monitor practices through the use of Better Metrics indicators</li> <li>▪ Aggregate information from health checks to inform future service commissioning, particularly relating to people who have continuing health care needs and may require ongoing health support</li> <li>▪ Performance manage any primary care service contracts with practice providers</li> </ul>	<p>Step 8 – Ensure adequate appointment time has been allocated</p> <p>Step 9 – Obtain patient consent (and consider risk and ‘best interests’ if consent not given)</p> <p>Step 10 – Carry out health check. Capture details and outcomes of health check on e-template</p> <p>Step 11 – Draw up an agreed Health Action Plan in an appropriate format (with actions, timeframes and responsibilities) and integrate this into patient’s medical record</p> <p>Step 12 – Agree any follow up appointment or annual review date</p> <p><b>Phase 3 – Following Health Checks</b></p> <p>Step 13 – Ensure patient review and recall system is in place</p> <p>Step 14 – Follow up any specific actions (referrals to other services, management of co-morbidities)</p> <p>Step 15 – Continue liaison with family and CDLT staff as appropriate</p> <p>Step 16 – Review practice procedure for health checks</p> <p>Step 17 – Attend any new or refresher training as appropriate.</p>	<p>checks as appropriate. Co-working may be appropriate initially</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the practice and patient around the issues of communication and consent</li> <li>▪ Help the practice and the patient draw up the agreed Health Action Plan</li> <li>▪ Help to identify the most appropriate person to support the patient with their Health Action Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Phase 3 – Following Health Checks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Take responsibility in partnership with the practice for monitoring patients if complex health concerns are identified</li> <li>▪ Continue liaison with the practice regarding patient health issues</li> <li>▪ Advise practices following the practice review of health check procedure</li> <li>▪ Contribute to refresher training as appropriate</li> </ul>
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