

Community Learning Disability Teams (CLDTs)

Information for health and social care professionals

Hertfordshire's seven Community Learning Disability Teams (CLDTs) support adults with a learning disability to improve the quality of their lives: promoting community inclusion as equal and valued members of society as outlined in Valuing People (2001) and Valuing People Now (2007).

The teams are made up of health and social care professionals from Hertfordshire County Council's Adult Care Services (ACS), and include social workers, community learning disability nurses (CLDNs), community care officers (CCOs) and health support workers.

The teams work in partnership with specialist epilepsy nurses and the Health Liaison Team which specialises in supporting the mainstream healthcare of people with a learning disability.

The CLDTs also work closely with a range of specialist learning disability health professionals from Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT):

- psychiatrists.
- psychologists.
- speech therapists.
- occupational therapists.
- art, drama and music therapists.

The teams work alongside people with learning disabilities, carer groups, the health services, private and voluntary organisations and advocacy groups. They carry out health and social care assessments for people with learning disabilities and their carers who are eligible for services under the government's Fair Access to Care criteria. These assess the level of risks to an individual and the impact upon their independence.

Hertfordshire County Council
Adult Care Services

www.hertsdirect.org/acs
Telephone: 0300 123 4042

The sort of situations where the CLDTs could help adults with a learning disability are where the person:

- is struggling to cope with everyday life.
- has little or no personal independence or is a feeling increasingly isolated and lonely.
- is suffering or is likely to suffer abuse or exploitation.

If someone is assessed as eligible for services, we may place them on a waiting list depending on their level of need.

Once an adult with a learning disability is allocated a social worker or learning disability nurse, work begins in partnership with them, their carers and other professionals to identify, plan and evaluate courses of action to meet their individual needs. If necessary, we may also refer the person to a specialist practitioner.

You can make a referral by contacting a community nurse or social worker in the appropriate team Monday to Thursday 8:30 – 5:00 and Friday 8:30 – 4:30.

Outside of these hours the Emergency Duty Team should be contacted for urgent matters only on 01438 737400.

Contact details

CLDT Team	Telephone number	Fax Number
Dacorum	01442 454444	01442 454422
East Herts, Broxbourne & Welwyn Hatfield	01438 843111	01483 843123
Hertsmere	01442 454242	01442 454244
North Herts and Stevenage	01438 843222	01438 843234
St Albans	01442 454300	01442 454333
Watford & Three Rivers	01442 454343	01442 454333
Transition Team West	01442 453887	01442 454418
Transition Team East	01438 844454	01442 454418
Health Liaison Team	01438 845372	01438 845378

Dacorum, St Albans, Watford & Three Rivers, and Hertsmere CLDTs and Transition Team West are based at:

Apsley Two, Brindley Way, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9BF

North Herts and Stevenage and East Herts Broxbourne & Welwyn Hatfield CLDTs and Transition Team East are based at::

Farnham House, Six Hills Way, Stevenage SG1 2FQ

Abuse Hurts: *If you are worried that someone you know is at risk of harm, neglect or mistreatment please call us in confidence to report your concerns on 0300 123 4042.*

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