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For many people, accessing the healthcare system remains a frightening experience - they are confronted by new environments, meet unfamiliar people, and don't know what to expect.

These fears may be compounded when the person coming into hospital already has other needs, such as a mental health condition, dementia, or a learning disability. Such conditions can affect the person's perceptions or understanding of hospital experiences.

This toolkit brings together a range of resources to promote understanding about what it's like to live with a learning disability, allowing healthcare professionals to adjust the care they deliver and helping people with a learning disability accesses the services they need.

Sue Read, Professor of Learning Disabilities, Keele University said:

> If we can get healthcare services right for people with a learning disability, then we get healthcare services right for everyone.

The resources are arranged into themes and contain over 40 components. The aim is to support access to health care wherever it is delivered, albeit in the community, at the GP surgery, or in generic hospital services.

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