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The Dudley Group introduces dedicated learning disability nurse

The Dudley Group has introduced a new nursing role dedicated to supporting patients with learning disabilities.

Jacqui Howells, the Trust's newly appointed learning disability liaison nurse, has been a registered nurse working with people with learning disabilities for 27 years and has worked in hospital and residential settings and in the community.

Her newly introduced role will help to improve the Trust's provision for patients with learning disabilities and their families, and make it easier for patients with learning disabilities to access hospital services.

Jacqui will also be able to act as an advocate for patients with learning disabilities and offer advice, support and guidance, not only to the patients themselves, but also to the staff involved in providing their care.

Chief Executive Paula Clark thinks Jacqui's role will be invaluable to the Trust.

She said, "It's really important that we make sure all our patients are properly supported and are given the opportunity to ask questions, especially if they have additional needs.

"Jacqui's new role will really help us to improve the care we provide to this vulnerable group of patients and make it easier for them to make the most of the services we offer."

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