

# Learning Disability and Autism Training



**Enabling health and care staff to better support people with a learning disability and autism.**

From 1 July 2022, all registered health and social care providers must ensure that their staff receive training in learning disability and autism, including how to interact appropriately with autistic people and people who have a learning disability.

**This should be at a level appropriate to their role.**

This new legal requirement was introduced by the Health and Care Act 2022. It applies to:

- all services and all settings, not just specialist services for people with a learning disability and autistic people, and not just the places where people live
- all health and care staff as well as ancillary staff who may have contact with people with a learning disability and autistic people, such as administrative staff.

## **What are we doing locally?**

The Act requires a Code of Practice to be published (which is expected towards the end of 2023). Once the Code of Practice is published, a national procurement process will be undertaken to identify a long-term provider for this training. In the transition phase, between the Act and the completion of the procurement process, it is the intention of Health Education England (HEE) to provide access to the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training across the health and care workforce. However, it is the responsibility of each Integrated Care System (ICS) to implement the training.

## **What's available for the Dorset workforce?**

[The elearningforhealth Tier 1 Part 1 module is available now to access here.](#)

Part 2 of Tier 1, which enables you to fully complete Tier 1 is not yet available. We will advise you when this becomes available in Dorset.

The current recommendation is that the e-Learning (part 1 of Tier 1) is completed within 6 months.

If you completed the local autism training or your internal training modules for learning disability and autism, you do not need to prioritise this training.

Finally, the Tier 2 offer is also not yet available. For more information contact your training department.



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