

NURSING - LEARNING DISABILITIES

Carol Bailey - (Lead Nurse in nursing disabilities)

"Solent healthcare services provides a range of health care services. So, maybe services for older people, district nurses, primary care services, mental health services. All of those services could also be accessed by a person with a learning disability. So for example I'm working with a lady at the moment who needs dental treatment. She has quite severe learning and physical disabilities. And is finding it really hard to access dental services. She doesn't like it, she's very frightened she doesn't understand why she needs to go. All the fears that we have around going to the dentist but multiplied. So my job with her is about helping the dentist really to provide a more flexible service that she can access."

Amy Castles - (Registered Learning Disabilities Nurse)

"I picked learning disability nursing I think because I like the behavioural work. You've got to make sure that your communications quite clear and that you're explaining things really clearly and slowly."

Carol Bailey - (Lead Nurse in nursing disabilities)

"What communication aids may they need? Do they need some pictures or some drawings? Do they need to bring in somebody who knows the person very well. Leave the nurses to do the general nursing and I'm there specifically around the learning disability needs."

Erica Goddard - (Advanced Nurse Practitioner CAMHS)

"I also wanted to work with children with learning disabilities because that's where I'd come from and that was the reason I came to Portsmouth to train. We're looking for the small changes because those are potentially huge."

Carol Bailey - (Lead Nurse in nursing disabilities)

"Something about working with people who had a learning disability struck me as being really worthwhile."

Erica Goddard - (Advanced Nurse Practitioner CAMHS)

"I'm really happy in this role it's definitely my career choice to be here."

Carol Bailey - (Lead Nurse in nursing disabilities)

"Its just a really lovely place to be and a wonderful group of people to work with."

Amy Castles - (Registered Learning Disabilities Nurse)

"Its interesting and every day can make you laugh, or cry."