We offer a specialist support service to families, carers and professionals to meet the behavioural needs of children and young people with learning disabilities in the community.

We aim to help the individual by providing specific, time-limited behaviour support interventions based on assessed need which also take into account the holistic needs of the young person and their family. We work with other professionals and outside agencies to ensuring that your child receives a high level of healthcare.

The work is completed through the use of visits to the home, school/wider community, short break services, group work or on occasions clinic based appointments.

The types of behaviour that the team can assist with may include:
  • Challenging behaviour,
  • General behaviour management,
  • Anger/Aggression,
  • Anxiety
  • Sleeping,
  • Meal Time management,
  • Daily living skill development

Who we are:
The team consists of a mixture of Registered Learning Disability Nurses, Specialist Community Healthcare Workers (SCHW) & an Assistant Specialist Community Healthcare Worker (ASCHW).

How to access us:
Referrals can be made to the service through a health professional or through Social Care Services, the referral are sent directly to the team and a decision is made by the team lead as to whether the referral meets the eligibility criteria, this will also be done through discussion with team members and other professionals already involved in the care of the young person.

How we offer the service:
All referrals that are accepted to receive a service will have a health need assessment in order to identify the behavioural needs, a care plan will be agreed with the family as to what interventions can be offered. This will be reviewed during the work to ensure that it is a true picture of the work that is being offered.

The East base offers a service to the following clusters:
  • Ipswich North
  • Ipswich South

The West base offers a service to the following clusters:
  • Bury St Edmunds
  • Forest Heath
Referrals should be completed using the team referral form and this can be sent either in the post to:

St Helen’s House
571 Foxhall Road
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP3 8LX

Or by email to:
LDNursingTeam@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk