

my annual health check



annual health checks for people with learning disabilities

my name is:

I like to be called:



what is in this booklet?

the pages are colour coded

before my health check
my medication
what I need to tell my doctor
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before my health check



it is important to bring someone with you who knows you well



tell your doctor's surgery if you need anything to support your appointment



do you need an appointment at a certain time?



you need to bring this annual health check booklet with you



you need to bring a fresh wee sample in a clean bottle



please bring **all medication**you are taking
include medication you have
bought yourself



my medication

bought myself	Supermarket	
from my doctor		
time I take it		
dose		
name		



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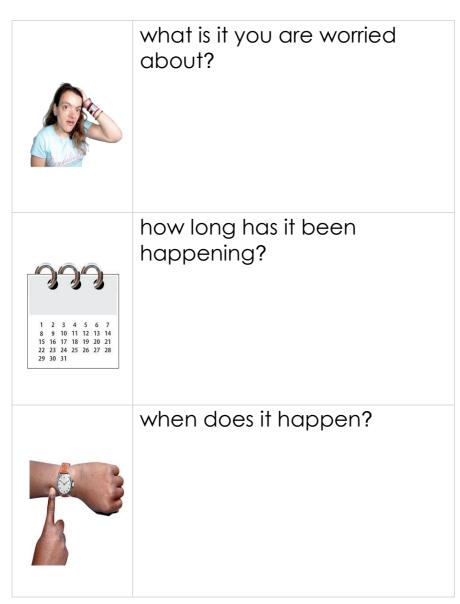
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what I need to tell my doctor

use these pages to write down any worries you have about your health



30	how long does it happen for?
	have you taken any medication for it? did it help?
	does anyone else have worries or concerns about your health?



what will happen at my health check?



the doctor or nurse will examine you and ask you some questions



they will check your blood pressure



they will see how much you weigh the doctor or nurse will ask if you eat a special diet



the doctor or nurse will see how tall you are



they will test your wee sample you brought with you



the doctor or nurse will check your ears this is not a hearing test



the doctor or nurse will check your heart and breathing they might listen to your chest



they will check that you have a dentist and that you visit regularly



they will check that you have an optician and that you have your eyes checked regularly



they might take your temperature they might take a blood sample if they need to



you might be asked questions about these things



you might be asked about epilepsy



if you have a diary for your epilepsy please bring it with you



you might be asked if you have any allergies?



you might be asked about your eating or swallowing



you might be asked if you have any problems using the toilet



the doctor or nurse might feel your stomach



you might be asked if you have diabetes



you might be asked if you have any pain at the moment



the doctor or nurse might ask if you are in a relationship.



they might ask if you know about safe sex



health screening



health screening can find a problem early before you get any symptoms



a health problem found early can be treated quicker



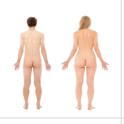
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a good website with lots of easy read health information is www.easyhealth.org



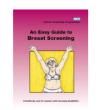
it is a good idea to get to know your own body



if you know your own body well you will notice any changes



check your body every time you have a bath or shower



do you know how to check your boobs or breasts?



do you know how to check your balls or testicles?



if you are worried about changes in your body talk to someone you trust

health screening ages

this is a guide to health screening please check what is available locally



cervical screening 25-49 years old every 3 years 50-64 years old every 5 years



breast screening 50-70 years old every 3 years



bowel cancer home testing kit 60-74 years old every 2 years



bowel scope screening aged 55 and over



AAA or abdominal aortic aneurysm all men in their 65th year



diabetic eye screening offered every year to people with diabetes



about my mental health

how I am feeling



sometimes we need support to manage our feelings and mental health



I have a mental health diagnosis

I have been feeling

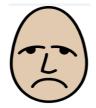
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ok

happy









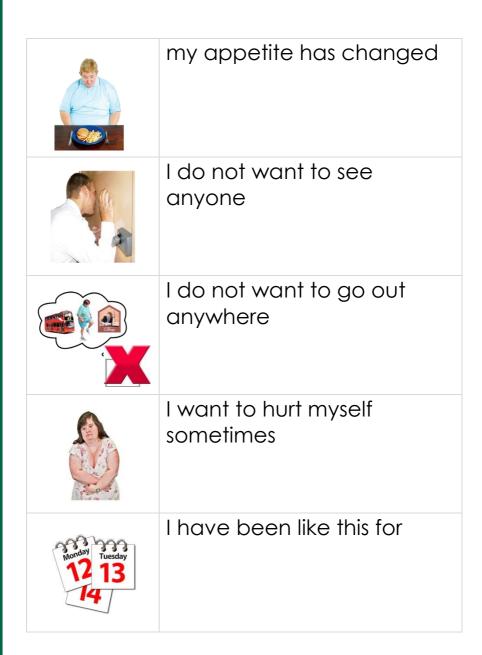


I am seeing someone about this



I have been feeling







things I can do to help my mental health



talk to someone I trust share how you feel



keep active take part in exercise



eat a healthy diet



do something I enjoy take part in a hobby



keep in touch with people family and friends



what will happen after my health check?



the doctor or nurse might want you to have some tests done



they might ask for someone else to be involved with your health



they might stop your medication



they might give you different medication to take



after your health check they will write down what you can do to make your health better



this is called a **health action plan** or a **HAP**



you can share your health action plan with the people you want to help you



this could be

- your parents
- your carer
- care manager
- health liaison nurse
- friend



your health action plan will be checked in 1 year as part of your next annual health check



this is to make sure the things have been done



we will all be able to see if your health has improved



my health action plan

date	my health need	what I need to do
Monday Tuesday 12 13	Epilepsy Look after your heart	
	my height	
	my weight	
	my blood pressure	

who will	we will look
help me?	at this again
	help me?



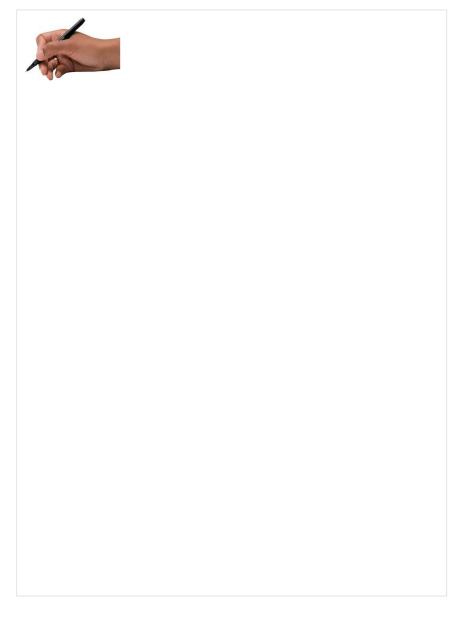
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and what will happen	who will help me?	we will look at this again

my notes

you can use this page to write down things about your health action plan





local services for people with learning disabilities



there are 4 learning disability community teams in Lincolnshire



each team has a health liaison nurse who you can contact for advice and support



Lincolnshire West

01522 309137



Lincolnshire East

01205 446896



Lincolnshire South West

01476 858254



Lincolnshire South

01775 652102



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