

# Rights Charter for People with Learning Disabilities



Everyone Has Rights

*This charter sets out  
the things that people  
with learning  
disabilities should  
expect when using  
services in  
Northamptonshire.*

*It is about people with  
disabilities being  
treated the same as  
everyone else.*

# **These organisations have signed up to the charter:**

Corby Borough Council	Northampton Borough Council
NHS Corby Clinical Commissioning Group	Northampton General Hospital
East Midlands Ambulance Service	Northamptonshire County Council
East Northants District Council	Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (NHFT)
Jobcentre Plus	Northamptonshire Police
Kettering Borough Council	South Northants District Council
Kettering General Hospital	Wellingborough Borough Council
NHS Nene Clinical Commissioning Group	



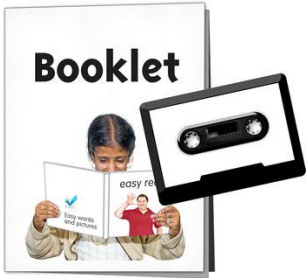
You should be treated with respect



You should be able to use your community and services safely and without being bullied



You should be treated fairly



You should be able to get information that is easy to read and understand



You should be able to get information and use services even if you can not use a computer or a phone



You should be able to have your say about services and to do this without staff or family if that is what you want



You should be able to have your say about how services are run and how money is spent



You should be able to speak up or have somebody who understands you to speak up on your behalf



You should be told what is happening on a regular basis when you are waiting or have made a complaint. You should know who you can speak to get more information



You should be able to choose how to live your life now and in the future



You should have the same opportunity as someone without a learning disability to be able to volunteer or work in a paid job or run your own business if that is what you choose to do



You should be treated as an individual



You should have the same opportunity as somebody without a learning disability to be able to own your own house or flat and choose who you live with



You should be able to live in a place where you feel safe



You should be free to have friendships, relationships and get married





You should be able to learn new skills and hobbies



You should be listened to



You should have the same opportunity as someone without a learning disability to be able to choose your health services like hospitals and GP



You should be involved in choosing the people who support you



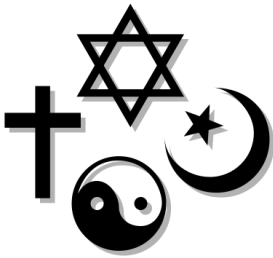
You should be given more time (if you need it) at appointments and when using services so you are able to understand what is happening



You should be able to go to any meetings that are about you if you want to



You should be able to take risks in your life



You should be able to choose if you want to go to a church or mosque or any other place of worship



You should be helped to stay healthy



You should be protected by others so you are not abused

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