

Learning Disability Nursing Apprenticeships



Why do we need Learning Disability Nurses?

- NHS Long Term plan identifies clear ambitions for people with a Learning Disability and/or Autism to get better support - Learning Disability nurses are the people they feel most supported by.
- People with a Learning Disability die at least 16 years earlier than their peers from preventable conditions – as outlined in the LEDER reviews.
- Interventions from Acute Liaison learning disability nurses can prevent these deaths.
- All England plan for Learning Disability Nursing is joint HEE&NHS E/I plan to increase Learning Disability nurse numbers.
- Four areas of focus:
 - Attract.
 - Retain
 - Develop
 - Celebrate

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Rationale for enhancement offer:

- Learning Disability Nursing numbers have been in decline from 13,866 in 2017 on the NMC register to 13,516 in 2021.
- We have seen the numbers of starters on pre reg learning disability nurse courses increase from 409 in 2018/2019 to 554 in 2021.
- However, this is still a relatively small increase in applicants.
- We are also being advised that regions continue to experience shortages of learning disability nurses.
- We therefore need extra routes into learning disability nursing to increase the numbers of learning disability nurses.

Trainee Nursing Associate Learning Disability

Enhanced offer:

- This is funding in addition to the core TNA funding.
- Available to all TNA working for 50% or more of their time with people with a learning disability or autistic people.
- £3,500 per apprentice per year that the apprentice is in programme
- 300 TNA Learning Disability on programme
- Interest is building for starters to commence in Sept 2022

Registered Nurse Degree Apprentices & Top-Ups

Enhanced offer:

- £8,300 per apprentice per year on programme
- Available to all undertaking their RNDA LD and those undertaking a top-up from NA/AP to RNDA LD
- Currently on programme as of March 22 – 91
- Interest is building for starters to commence in Sept 2022
- 39 Top-ups to RND LD already on programme
- 11 more Top-ups planned for 2022