Core principles for admission of patient with a Learning Disability

- **Out-patient**
  - Risk assessment
    - A basic risk assessment should be completed by the patient/carer. If this indicates a med/high risk overall or high risk in a specific area then a more in-depth assessment should be completed.
  - Consent / capacity
    - Can the patient provide valid consent, i.e.,
      - understand information
      - retain information
      - weigh up information
      - communicate decision?
  - Consult significant others
    - Have you consulted with relevant others, i.e., adults' relative, primary carer, welfare guardian, if appointed, or anyone else involved in the patient's care.
  - Discharge planning
    - On admission, identify EDD and consult all involved in care such as carer, family or relevant professionals, e.g., Learning Disability Nurse, Social Worker.

- **Acute admission**

- **Emergency / unscheduled care**

- **Risk assessment**

- **Consent / capacity**

- **Consult significant others**

- **Discharge planning**