Appendix 3 – Emergency Admission

Emergency Admission

Is the main carer in attendance?

- Yes
  - Ensure that the patient gives consent to the main carer participating in the history taking and admission process
  - Assist person to complete initial risk assessment
  - If there are any concerns regarding the capacity of the patient to give informed consent - refer to flow chart Appendix 3

- No
  - The admitting triage nurse should:
    1. Identify the main carer/ guardian as soon as possible and make contact
    2. Assess the need for contact with the learning disability liaison nurse
      - Patient Assessment
      - Communication
      - Liaison with other services

Is the patient to be admitted to Hospital?

- Yes
  - Named Nurse in A&E should advise the nurse in charge of the receiving area of any potential risks and additional care needs that the patient may present as a result of their learning disability. And initial risk assessment

- No
  - Are there any other needs to be addressed?
    - Yes
      - Refer to appropriate service
        - Community learning disability service
        - Social work department
        - District nursing service
    - No
      - Discharge to care of GP

Is the patient to be referred for outpatient’s appointment?

- Yes
  - Refer to flow chart and protocol section on Out-Patient attendance

- No
  - Follow pathways and core principles for future care