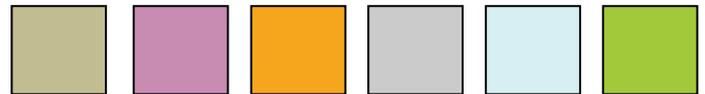




# People with Learning Disabilities and the Scottish Criminal Justice System

## Information about Health and Social Work Services



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# “Supporting people with Learning Disabilities”





There are Community Learning Disability Teams in most areas and some of these have teams who work with people with learning disabilities who offend.



There are also in-patient units in many areas which offer treatment for people who need higher levels of security to keep themselves or others safe.



All local authorities provide some services for people with learning disabilities.

**More Information and Resources<sup>10</sup>**

There is easy to understand information available from some of these organisations:

- Mencap's 'Make it Clear' campaign home page  
[www.mencap.org.uk/makeitclear/makeitclear.asp](http://www.mencap.org.uk/makeitclear/makeitclear.asp)
- Mencap 'Easy-to-use' pages  
[www.mencap.org.uk/easyto-use/easyto-use.asp](http://www.mencap.org.uk/easyto-use/easyto-use.asp)
- List of Books Beyond Words titles  
[www.rtp.gov.uk/uk/words/beyondwords/beyondwords.htm](http://www.rtp.gov.uk/uk/words/beyondwords/beyondwords.htm)
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There are also a number of voluntary organisations who support people with learning disabilities.

There are a list of voluntary organisations at the back of this guide.



The Adult Support and Protection  
(Scotland) Act 2007



An Easy Guide to Part 1 of the Act

There is a law called:

The Adult Support and Protection  
(Scotland) Act 2007.



This law makes sure that people who might be vulnerable to being harmed are protected.

Every local authority now has to have an Adult Protection Committee.



This group make sure that services know about protecting people who may be vulnerable to being harmed.

Local areas also have a group called MAPPA which means:

### **Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements**



This is a group made up of people from health, social work, housing and police services.

They meet to talk about people who:

- have committed sexual offences
- may be at risk of committing sexual offences



The group try and find ways to support people who:

- have committed sexual offences
- may be at risk of committing sexual offences



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[www.mencap.org.uk/html/easytoread/easytoread.asp](http://www.mencap.org.uk/html/easytoread/easytoread.asp)
- List of Books Beyond Words titles  
[www.rcpsych.ac.uk/publications/booksbeyondwords/bbwtitlesa-z.aspx](http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/publications/booksbeyondwords/bbwtitlesa-z.aspx)
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- “What happens next?” A DVD resource for people with a learning disability  
Published by Lanarkshire ACE, Speak Out Advocacy Project. The DVD is available by phoning: 01355 230202.
- “Victims of Crime in Scotland” - A Scottish Government website with information for victims.  
[www.scottishvictimsofcrime.co.uk](http://www.scottishvictimsofcrime.co.uk)
- “I am a witness in court – a guide for people with learning disabilities” - An easy-read booklet published by the Scottish Government. Hard copies are available by phoning: 0131 244 2213.  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/criminal/17416/InformationMaterials](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/criminal/17416/InformationMaterials)
- British Institute of Learning Disabilities, Advocacy homepage  
[www.bild.org.uk/04advocacy.htm](http://www.bild.org.uk/04advocacy.htm)
- Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities, Advocacy homepage  
[www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/page.cfm?pagecode=ISRVADAR](http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/page.cfm?pagecode=ISRVADAR)
- Voice UK, advice for advocacy and self-advocacy groups  
[www.voiceuk.org.uk/trainequalaccess2.htm](http://www.voiceuk.org.uk/trainequalaccess2.htm)
- The UK Advocacy Network (UKAN)  
[www.ukan.co.uk/index.html](http://www.ukan.co.uk/index.html)
- The New Mental Health Act: An Easy Read Guide  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/09/03145057/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/09/03145057/0)



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