

APPENDIX 1
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Presentation
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Widening Access through Nurse leadership
Equal access
for all



Raising awareness of the needs of people with Learning Disability

Special Interest Group

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Widening Access through Nurse Leadership



Severn Hospice Sharon Hicks



Widening Access through Nurse Leadership – about me

- ▶ *Qualified as a nurse from Staffordshire University in 2005 with a BSc (hons) in Nursing Practice.*
- ▶ *First job at Compton Hospice in Wolverhampton*
- ▶ *Moved to Severn Hospice in 2008*

More about me!



Widening Access through Nurse leadership

- ▶ The reason for the project
- ▶ What surprised me
- ▶ Personal learning
- ▶ Tips
- ▶ What next

The Reason for The Project

- ▶ Health care for all (2008)
- ▶ Death by indifference – Treat Me Right
- ▶ Base line review
- ▶ The need for clear evidence based knowledge of the needs of people with LD.

What surprised me!

- ▶ My lack of knowledge
- ▶ Other people's lack of insight and knowledge
- ▶ They don't know what they don't know!

Personal Learning

- ▶ A clearer understanding of the needs of people with a learning disability at the end of life.
- ▶ Nurses don't always know
- ▶ Organisation changes take time
- ▶ People take longer

Tips

- ▶ Listen to your mentor
- ▶ Don't re-invent the wheel
- ▶ Do one thing at a time
- ▶ Make it sustainable
- ▶ Always think ahead
- ▶ Acknowledge success
- ▶ Look at the weaknesses and try and make them strengths.

What next ?

- ▶ Personal development NVQ 4 in Learning Disability
- ▶ Celebrate finishing the project
- ▶ Part time post - joint working with LD/Mencap/PCT/McMillian
- ▶ Look at major grant bid
