

Health Passport – Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is a Health Passport?

A. A Health Passport is for anyone with a learning disability, learning difficulty or autism. It is an important document which tells NHS staff about a person's needs such as medication, personal details and how they like to communicate. A Health Passport should be taken to every healthcare appointment and can help a person get the best care. If you are admitted to hospital for treatment overnight or for a long stay, you can give the Health Passport to the doctor or nurse responsible for your care and ask them to make sure it is kept with your patient notes at the end of your bed.

Q. How do I get a Health Passport?

You can download a Health Passport from our [website](#). If you would like a hard copy of the passport, please email ssotics.comms@nhs.net.

Q. How do I complete the Health Passport?

A. You can complete the Health Passport independently or ask your family, friend or carer to help you complete it. You can also ask a member of your local learning disability team to help you. You can find an easy read guide to filling out the Health Passport on our [website](#).

Q. Will the information in my Health Passport be shared with anyone in and outside of the UK?

A. No. The information populated in the Health Passport will only be shared with health and social care staff when you attend your appointment. Once you have attended your appointments, you can take the Health Passport back home with you to be stored in a safe place.

Q. Will the information in my Health Passport be shared with Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB)?

A. No. Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB created the Health Passport for local people to use when attending their health and social care appointments. No information contained in the Health Passport will be shared with the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB. This document is owned by you and can be shared with whoever you chose to share your passport with.

Q. Will the information in my Health Passport be tracked?

A. No. Once you have attended your appointments, you can take the Health Passport back home with you to be stored in a safe place.

Q. Do health and social care professionals and my GP already know the information in my Health Passport?

A. Health and social care professionals may know that you have a learning disability via information stored in their clinical system. However, they may not know how you chose to communicate, what reasonable adjustments should be made to support you or how to make things easier for you when attending your appointments and receiving care. The Health Passport will contain this information and will assist staff at your appointment to provide you with the best care.

Q. If I do not have a Health Passport, does this mean that I cannot access healthcare services?

A. No, not having a Health Passport does not mean that you cannot access health services. You will still be able to access healthcare service without a Health Passport.

Q. Where can I find out more information about the Health Passport?

Please visit our [website](#) to find out more. You can access further resources and easy read guides on this page.