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PRESS RELEASE

## **Commission supports Mencap 'Getting it Right'**

The Equality Commission supports the call in Mencap's Getting it Right campaign for better awareness and training for health professionals to enable them to give patients with a learning disability the care they need. The Commission's own formal investigation into the provision of healthcare to people with learning disabilities, published in January 2008, had very similar conclusions. In particular, in spite of efforts made by some trusts, the Commission found that communication was frequently a barrier to people with learning disabilities accessing healthcare effectively.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 imposes a positive duty on all service providers to make any reasonable adjustments that may be necessary to allow people with a learning disability to use that service. This includes access to and use of means of communication and information services as well as health and social care.

If you think that someone has treated you unfairly because of your disability, please ring the Equality Commission on 028 90 890 890 or email [information@equalityni.org](mailto:information@equalityni.org)