

Leigh House Hospital

HOSPITAL EDUCATION TEAM

The Hospital Education Team provides part-time education on site for all young people of statutory school age who have been admitted to Leigh House Hospital. Throughout 2010 and 2011 there had been extensive planning to introduce part-time education for young people over the age of 16 and we implemented these plans in September 2011. School age young people follow their home school curriculum as much as possible and Post 16s are offered a skills based project that can lead to an accredited qualification.

The teachers and non-teaching staff are employed by Hampshire Local Education Authority, and they operate as part of the hospital multi-disciplinary team.

In the 2010 Ofsted inspection it was reported that;

'The provision at Leigh House.... Is good and continues to improve. The particular strengths here are the personalised teaching and care that each pupil receives. Teachers work closely with medical staff and home schools in order to offer the best support..'

For statutory under 16 education the Hospital Education Team aims to:

- Meet the individual learning needs of each young person.
- Protect and promote learning skills.
- Minimise disruption to education.
- Provide educational continuity.
- Contribute towards a successful return to school or college.

and offers:

- A safe and supportive educational environment.
- Close liaison with parents, 'home' schools and colleges.
- The opportunity to work individually and in small groups.
- Regular individual tutorials with the pupil's personal tutor.
- Personal time-tables reflecting individual needs.
- Initial planning sessions across a broad range of National Curriculum subjects.
- Individual Teaching Plans.
- Support for pupils identified within the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.
- Coursework support and preparation for GCSE, the Extended Project for Post 16s and any other external assessments required.
- Leigh House School examination entry in selected subjects.
- Transferred candidate status for pupils entered by their 'home' school or college.
- A wide range of cultural, sporting and creative activities for all young people.
- Educational Reviews and individual subject assessments and reports.
- Supported 'home' school/college re-integration.
- Access to support services including careers guidance.

Post 16s are supported in a skills based study where the aim is, through a project, to improve and maintain concentration, research and evaluation skills as well as to provide structure and purpose to the day. Careers guidance is also available.

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