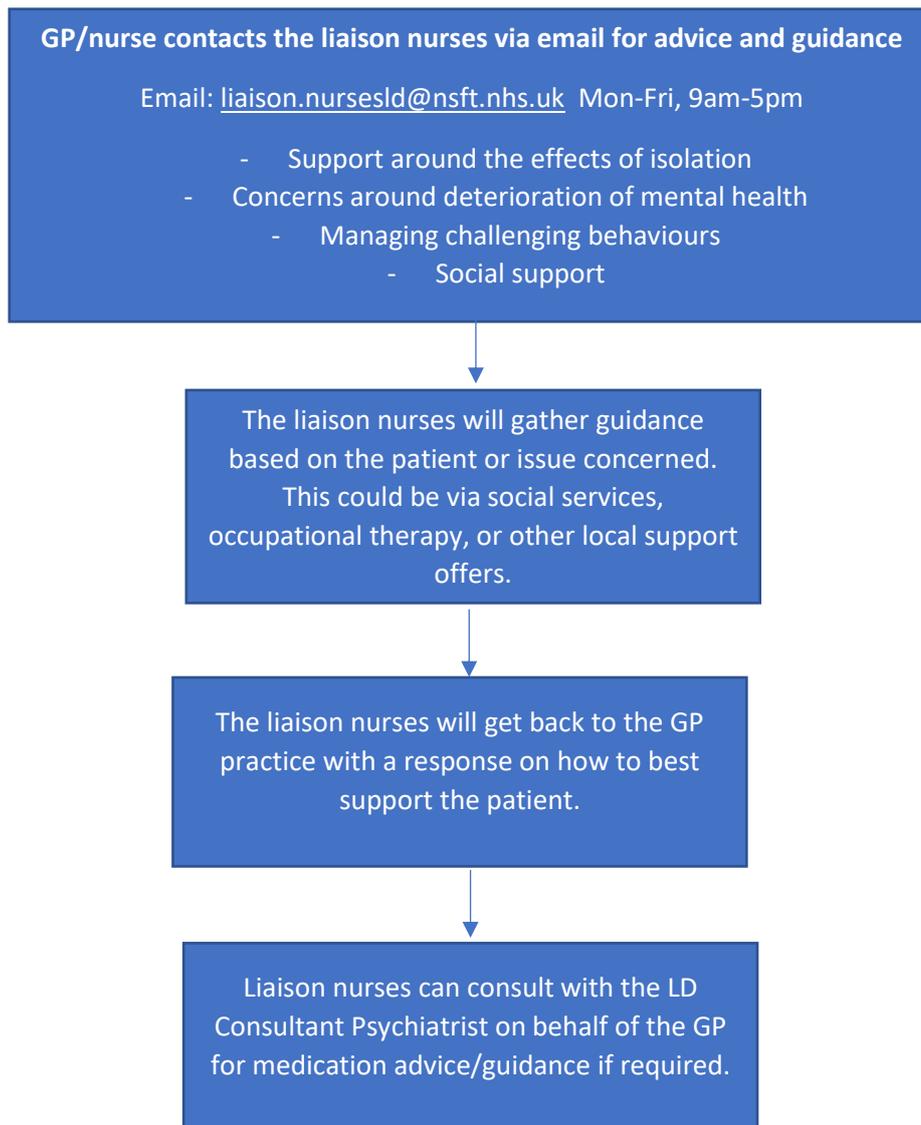


NSFT Primary Care Liaison Nurses

Support available for GP practices during the COVID19 pandemic

NSFT Primary Care Liaison Nurses are still very much available to support GP practices. Whilst GP practices have suspended annual health checks, we expect our learning disabilities population to still require support with their health; last year 41% of the deaths of people with a Learning Disability reviewed in through LeDeR Programme were attributed to Respiratory Conditions. The high prevalence of respiratory conditions in this group may mean that COVID19 goes undetected. We are also likely to see an increase in mental health issues and challenging behaviours.

The liaison nurses have set up a process whereby GP practices can email the team to ask for specific advice and guidance around patients. This will enable GP practices to bypass the AAT during working hours (practices are reminded to still contact AAT during out of hours).



The liaison nurses will also:

- Make welfare calls to patients they are aware are particularly vulnerable and are not already in receipt of such calls from another service
- Support practices with LD patients who have received a shielding letter
- Continue to align practice LD registers with information that Suffolk County Council holds. Please ensure your aligned liaison nurse has the relevant access to your system to allow them to work remotely to complete this. If you aren't sure who your aligned nurse is, please email liaison.nursesld@nsft.nhs.uk