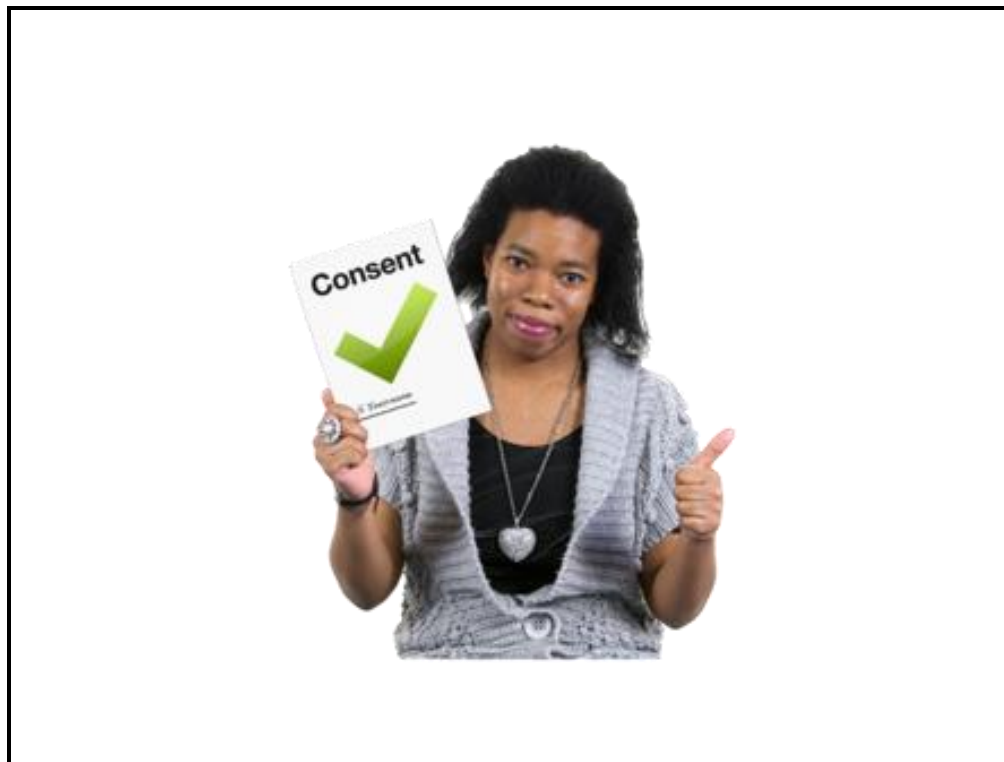




Health and Community Services

Consent



An Easy Read leaflet about '**consent**' for people with a learning disability.

Speech and Language Therapy Department
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Consent means saying 'yes' to something.



You see a doctor, nurse or dentist to check your health or because you are unwell.



They want to find out what is the matter, so they will need to do some health checks on you.



They might

- take your temperature
- check your blood pressure
- look inside your mouth
- feel your tummy
- ask you some questions



Before they do anything they must tell you what they need to do and why.

They must ask you if this is ok.



If you agree and say 'yes' this means you give your 'consent'.

Treatment



Treatment is something that a doctor, nurse or dentist gives you to make you better.



Treatment might be an injection, medicine, an operation or something else.



You can ask questions before you give your consent to have treatment.



You can ask why you need to have something done.



You can ask what will happen and how it will help you.



You can ask what might go wrong.



You can ask if something else can be done instead.








You can ask for more time to think about it.


Information







You can give your consent in different ways.

 <p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>	<p>You can say if you agree by speaking or signing.</p>
	<p>You can do something to show you agree.</p>
	<p>You might be asked to sign a form if you agree.</p>
	<p>You can ask if something else can be done instead.</p>
	<p>You can say 'no'.</p>

Your rights

 <p style="text-align: center;">Rights</p>	<p>You have the right to have your say about your health care and treatment.</p>
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	<p>You have the right to ask questions if you do not understand anything.</p>
	<p>You have the right to say no to any treatment or information being shared.</p>
	<p>You can have someone else with you when a doctor or nurse checks your health.</p>
	<p>You can ask for another doctor to see you.</p>
	<p>Remember giving consent is up to you.</p>