

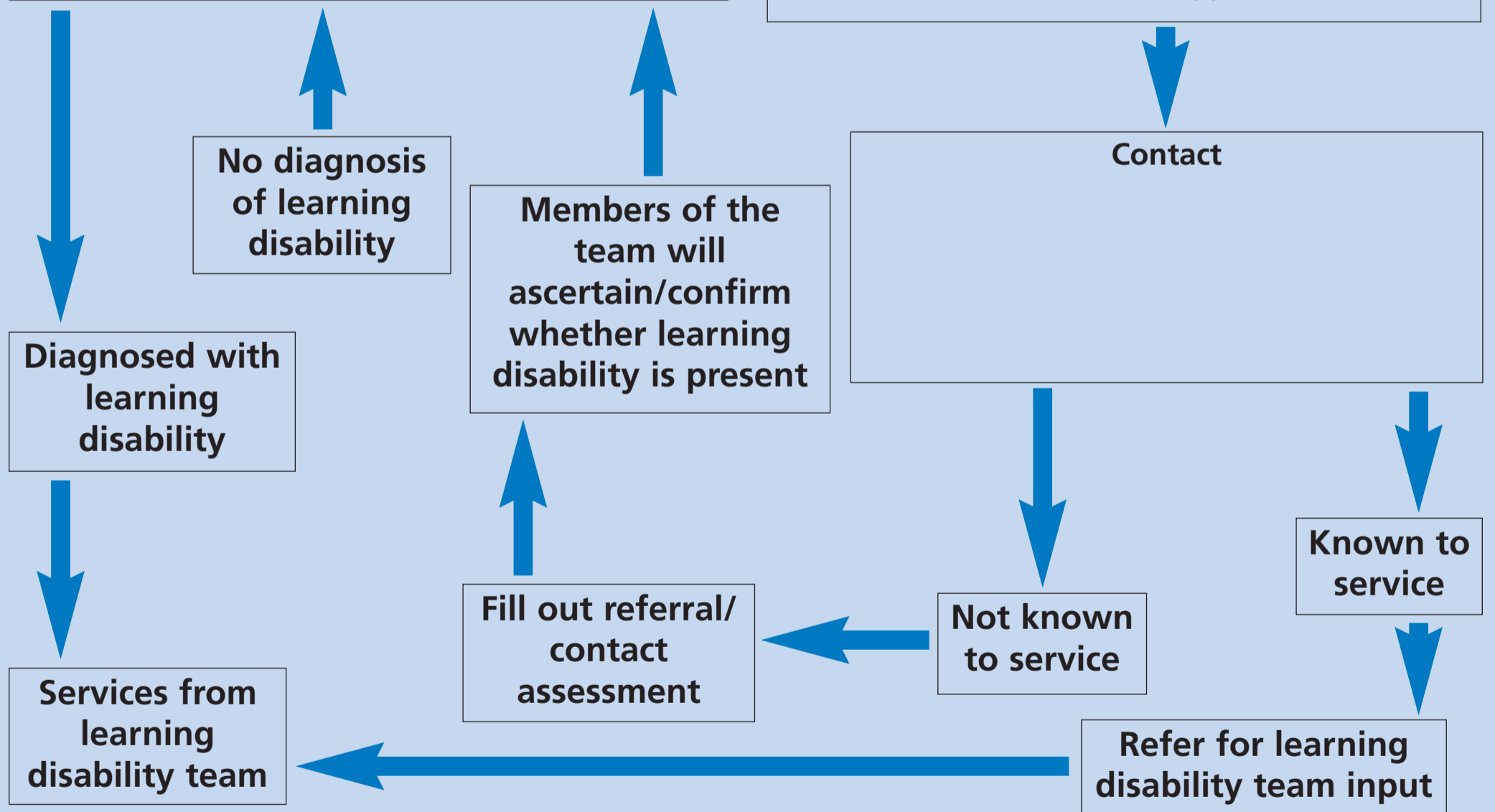
Recognising learning disabilities

Definition of Learning Disability:

- ✓ Cognitive impairment, which reduces the ability to understand new or complex information (IQ<70).
- ✓ Reduced ability to cope independently.
- ✓ The limitation can show in many ways; spoken, written, coordination, attention or self control.
- ✓ The condition is acquired before adulthood.

Possible indicators of the Presence of a Learning Disability:

- ✓ Difficulty in following instructions.
- ✓ Difficulty in processing information.
- ✓ Not able to cope with more than one task at a time.
- ✓ Difficulty in understanding abstract concepts eg time, distance, directions.
- ✓ Repetition of phrases in conversation without expanding on content.
- ✓ Confusion about times of appointments.



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A practical guide for health care professionals to effectively meet the needs of patients with a learning disability