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**Guidance for Health Professionals and Medical Practitioners**  
**Providing evidence to enable disabled students to access the full range of support in Higher Education**

The Disability Advice team at Leeds Beckett University offers support, advice and guidance to disabled students.

In order to access support from the University and Disabled Students' Allowances (Government funding) students are required to provide evidence of their disability or long term condition.

Where possible, it would be helpful if the following information could be included:

- Information about the student's disability/long term condition, including a diagnosis and symptoms
- What treatment/support they are receiving?
- The effect of the disability/long term condition on their daily life and any difficulties they are likely to face whilst studying
- The prognosis of the disability/long term condition and date of diagnosis (how long they have been or are likely to be affected by the condition) and if the condition is 'severe and enduring', fluctuating in nature, etc.

Some of the activities it might be useful to consider are, for example, does the condition affect:

- Concentration
- Motivation
- Short term/long term memory
- Ability to work in groups or perform presentations
- Ability to travel on or access public transport
- Reading or writing for long periods
- Use of computers, equipment or technology
- Ability to walk any distance
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Exam performance
- Does medication have side effects that may impact on learning, such as fatigue or poor concentration?

Once completed the letter should be presented to the Disability Advice team and used to support applications for Disabled Students' Allowances.