

BOX 2. ATTITUDES TO PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

A section of the attitudes of secondary healthcare personnel toward people with severe learning disabilities (ASH-LD). Participants are asked on a scale of 1-5 how strongly they agree or disagree with 18 statements. They include:

- When handed over or referred a patient with severe learning disabilities I feel more anxious than with other patients
- Patients with severe learning disabilities are able to communicate about the care they receive
- Patients with severe learning disabilities can't be given the same degree of confidentiality regarding their medical information as other patients
- I am confident that I have the appropriate knowledge to care for patients with severe learning disabilities in my clinical area
- Patients with severe learning disabilities are able to influence decisions over their healthcare