What is a SpLD?

SpLD is a term used to describe processing, language and memory issues which affect approximately 10% of the population. This includes dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia.

There are number of indicators of a SpLD, including:
• Difficulties with spelling, writing, grammar or using symbols
• Slower reading speed or needing to re-read information
• Difficulties expressing ideas, either verbally or in writing
• Short term memory difficulties
• Poor organisation and time management
• Difficulties with sequences.

How can I be assessed for a SpLD?

Firstly, you should arrange an appointment with a Disability Adviser through iPoint. At this appointment, the Adviser will talk through the process of getting a full Educational Psychologist Assessment and the support available to you. You will be given a questionnaire that covers the difficulties you are experiencing, and you will have the option to proceed to a full assessment.
Prior to completing the assessment, you will be required to pay a contribution. This is paid online.

**What happens at the Assessment?**

1. The assessment will be carried out by an independent, qualified psychologist or an individual with an Assessment Practicing Certificate.

2. You will be asked to complete various tasks which will provide a profile of the way you may be affected by a SpLD.

3. You will be given an Initial Recommendations sheet which will confirm whether or not you have a SpLD.

4. If you do, your recommended support will be detailed in a Personal Learning Support Plan (PLSP) available to relevant staff at the University. The full assessment report will be sent to your student email address and may include details of further support options and how to access them.

**What support might I receive?**

Each student with a SpLD will receive support that is individual to them. This may involve making accommodations in lectures, seminars or exams, or when using University facilities.

You may also require access to a more enhanced level of support. This could include access to specialist technologies such as literacy software, audio recording equipment or specialist support workers. Your Disability Adviser can work through these options with you.

For more information, go straight to our website!

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