Guidance for providing medical evidence

Student Wellbeing at Newcastle University provides support for students who have a disability, a long term medical condition or mental health issues. In order for this support to be provided, the student must provide the Disability Adviser with medical evidence.

For medical assessment, it would be helpful if the letter included:

- A diagnosis
- Whether the condition is long/short term
- Whether the condition is fluctuating
- Outline the effect the disability may have on learning/attendance at University
- State the impact, if any, on day to day activities

For example, does the condition affect:

- Concentration
- Motivation
- Short/long term memory
- Ability to travel on public transport
- Read/writing for long periods
- Use of computers
- Ability to walk any distance

The above suggestions are not exhaustive and are only examples of the kind of evidence the Disability Adviser requires in order to support a student.

The medical evidence should be provided on headed paper and the letter should be typed in English and signed. The letter should be passed on to the student, please do not send this medical evidence directly to the University.

Please note that the University is unable to contact Medical Professionals to request, or discuss medical evidence. Any cost incurred in providing such a letter should be charged to the student and not to Newcastle University.