



## Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study

### What we know about vaccinations

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What is this study about?



This study is about coronavirus (also called COVID-19) and people with learning disabilities.

We talked to nearly 600 adults with learning disabilities. We talked to people living in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



Nearly 300 family carers or paid supporters of people with severe or profound multiple learning disabilities also gave us information.



This report is about what we have found so far.

## COVID-19 vaccination



People with learning disabilities can now have the COVID-19 vaccination.



The COVID-19 vaccination is 2 injections.



Over 90% of people with learning disabilities have had at least 1 COVID-19 vaccination.



Around 39% of people with learning disabilities have had 2 COVID-19 vaccinations.

## Consent and the vaccination



Consent is saying 'yes' or 'no'.



Some people in our study had more severe learning disabilities.



Some people find it hard to tell people if they want the vaccination or do not want the vaccination. They find it hard to say 'yes' or 'no'.



There are rules about checking whether people can say 'yes' or 'no'.



These rules were followed for around half of the people with more severe learning disabilities.

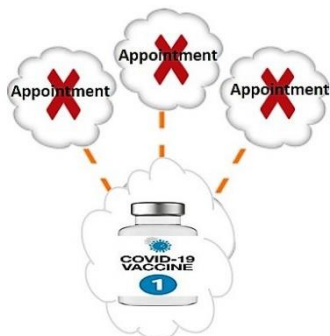
## Problems getting the vaccination



About 15% of people with learning disabilities said it was hard to get the vaccination.



Some people with learning disabilities found it hard to get to the building for the vaccination.



Some people with disabilities found it hard to get an appointment for the vaccination.

NHS: Please call us to book a Covid-19 vaccine appointment

## Help to get the vaccination



Nearly half of people with learning disabilities told us that they had help to get the vaccination.



Having family carers or paid support staff with them as they got the vaccination helped.



Having the vaccination at their day centre or where they lived helped.



## How did the vaccination make people feel?



Sometimes a vaccination can make people a little bit unwell or sore.

About 60% of people with learning disabilities said they had felt a bit unwell or sore.



Some people had difficulty sleeping.

Some people had an upset stomach.



Some people felt too hot or too cold.



Some people felt sick.

Some people had sore legs.

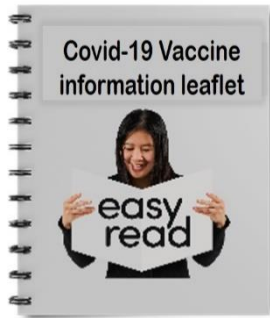


Some people had a headache.

Some people felt tired.

Some people had a sore arm.

## Finding out about the vaccination



Over half (60%) of people with learning disabilities in our study said they had good information about the vaccination.

Most (70%) family carers or paid support staff told us they had good information about the vaccination.

## What happens next?



We want to find out more about people with learning disabilities and COVID-19.



We will talk to people again from July.

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