

<u>Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study</u> <u>What we know about easing restrictions</u>

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



280 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 in July and August 2021.

Information about COVID-19 rule changes



70% of people with learning disabilities we talked to got information about COVID-19 rules from watching television

Restrictions



30% of people with learning disabilities we talked to had restrictions on visitors to services



40% of people with severe or profound learning disabilities had restrictions on visitors to services

50% of people with severe of profound learning disabilities found that visitor restrictions made life worse

Shielding



20% of people with severe or profound learning disabilities were shielding

Masks, Gloves and Aprons (PPE)



50% of people with learning disabilities and carers said that carers were wearing masks, gloves and aprons

Face masks and social distancing



80% of people with learning disabilities thought that everyone should wear masks and social distance

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