



Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study

Important Points



June

2022



The Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study is a research project.



The researchers talked to over 500 people with learning disabilities.



Around 300 family members or paid carers of people with learning disabilities gave us information in an online survey.

We talked to organisations and our advisory group again in June 2022

We wanted to find out about important points.



Changes in Support



Some people with learning disabilities are getting less support



There is less support from day services



There is less support from respite services



There is less transport to help people get around



People feel isolated



Some people are paying for services that they are NOT getting



Families are providing more care for people with learning disabilities



Families want to be involved in planning services in the future



Services are finding it hard to find staff



Some staff are leaving their jobs



People want good staff.



People want staff who know the people they are working with

New staff need time to get to know people



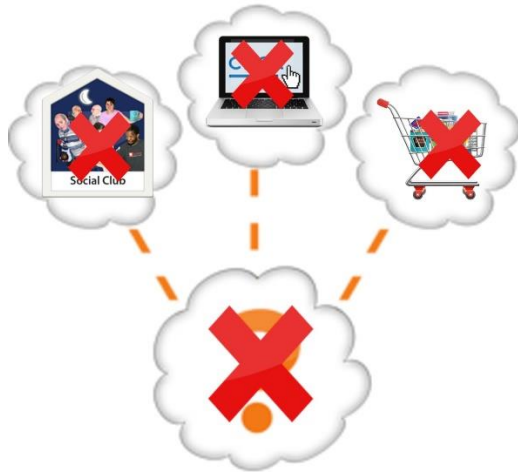
During Covid staff worked hard to keep people with learning disabilities safe



Some people had to stay at home to keep safe



Now we need staff to offer people lots of choices



Some people with learning disabilities have very few choices



We need good support for people when they need to make a change



This might be when they leave home

It might be when they move to adult services

Impact on Health



People with learning disabilities were seeing health professionals (for example, doctors, nurses, dentists) less than usual



People with learning disabilities had to wait a long time to see a health professional (for example, doctors, nurses, dentists)



Carers were worried about the health of people with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities



People with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities have lost skills during the pandemic



People with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities need lots of help to keep active



People with learning disabilities wanted face to face appointments with GPs



People with learning disabilities wanted good health checks



People with learning disabilities wanted dental checks



People with learning disabilities wanted to be able to get help with mental health and wellbeing



People with learning disabilities were worried about long Covid.

Long Covid is when people suffer covid symptoms for months

We do not know if people with learning disabilities have long Covid

Cost of Living



Lots of things cost more money



People were worried about having enough money



Carers of people with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities were very worried about having enough money

Doing things online



People kept in touch with family and friends online



Lots of things are now online, like buying a bus ticket



Doing things online was sometimes hard



We need to make it easier for people with learning disabilities to do things online



We need to give people a choice about how they do things.

Some people want to do things face to face

Some people want to do things online

