



Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study

What we know about Support and Services

September 2021

What is this study about?



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



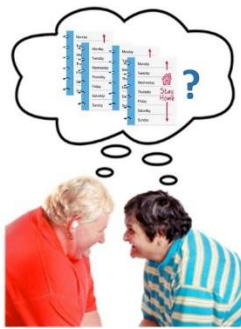
We talked to 489 adults with learning disabilities. We talked to people living in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



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.



We asked people what had happened in the last 4 weeks

Access to Health Services



36% of people with learning disabilities had seen a doctor, nurse or therapist in the last 4 weeks.



More than 39% of people with learning disabilities had been waiting at least 6 months for a medical test or operation.



27% of people with learning disabilities had an annual health check

Services and support



35% of people with learning disabilities were paying for services that they were NOT getting



20% of people with learning disabilities we talked to were getting LESS support than they used to get



48% of people with severe and profound learning disabilities were getting LESS support than they used to

Services changed for some people

19% of these people with learning disabilities we talked to had been asked about changes to services



11% of carers of these people with severe or profound learning disabilities had been asked about changes to services



84% people with learning disabilities we spoke to were happy with the service they were getting



31% of carers for people with more severe or profound learning disabilities were happy with the service they were getting

The future



35% of people with learning disabilities we talked to were not sure when life would get back to normal

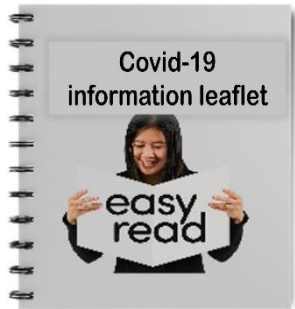
What about another lockdown?



We asked people what would help in lockdown



People with learning disabilities wanted support to keep busy in lockdown



People with learning disabilities wanted good information about lockdown



Carers for people with more severe learning disabilities wanted more support from doctors, nurses and therapists in lockdown

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