



Information about a new report about the deaths of people with a learning disability- LeDeR



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LeDeR is about stopping people with a learning disability from dying earlier than they should.



The LeDeR report is out today. [This is the fourth LeDeR yearly report.](#) It is published by the University of Bristol.



NHS England and NHS Improvement have also published a report today, called [‘LeDeR: Action from Learning’](#).



Both reports are in easy read.



The reports are about work we are doing to stop people dying younger than they should.

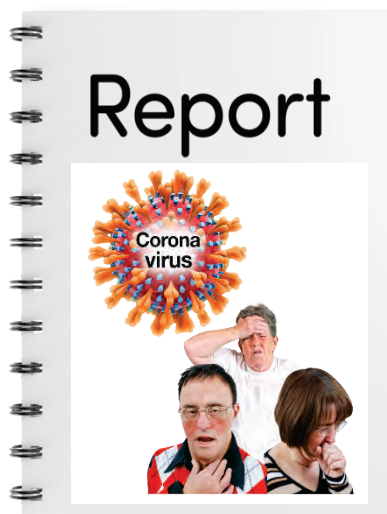


The LeDeR report is about deaths in England that have been reported.

These are the deaths of people over 4 years old.



The LeDeR report tells us that there were problems with some people's care.



We also want to learn from the deaths of people with a learning disability during coronavirus.

The University of Bristol will write a report about coronavirus later in 2020.

What we learnt



Women with a learning disability died on average at 59 years old.



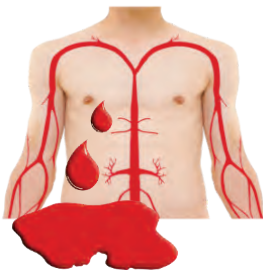
Men with a learning disability died on average at 61 years old.



People who are in black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) groups die even younger.



The biggest cause of death for people with a learning disability was **pneumonia**. This is when you have a problem with your lungs and breathing.



Some people died of **sepsis**. This is when you have an infection in your blood which makes you very poorly.



Epilepsy was another common reason that people with a learning disability died too soon.



About half the deaths that were reviewed make us worried about the care the people got.



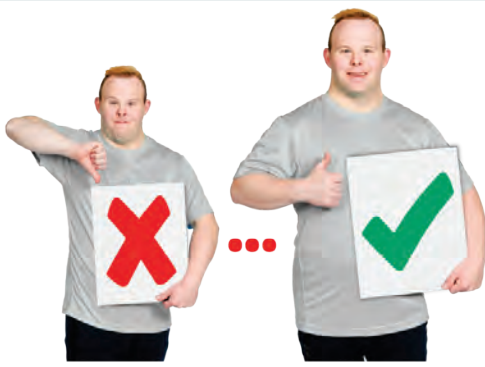
A few people had care that was really bad. It made the death worse.



The death of some people could have been prevented. Their illness could have been treated.



This is worse for people with a learning disability than other people.



The LeReR report has ideas for what should be done differently to stop people dying too young.



NHS England and NHS Improvement will-



Make sure most people with a learning disability have an annual health check.



Train unpaid and paid carers to know when there is a problem with someone's health sooner to stop them getting more poorly.



Find out why people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds do not get the health care they need.

We are working with the Race Equality Foundation and Learning Disability England on this.



We are going to work with different organisations to provide information for people with a learning disability about stopping, finding and managing pneumonia.



We will keep LeDeR going for at least the next 4 years.



Thank you



Thank you to everyone who has helped with LeDeR.



A special thank you to the families of people who have a loved one who has died.